

Facebook page of railways

1669. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railways have blocked their facebook page;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the facebook page of Northern Railway has been very popular among the railway users to lodge their complaints and appreciations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of hits the facebook page received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (d) A limited number of field units (Divisions & Zonal Railways) have Facebook pages that have been opened primarily with the objective of disseminating passengers' related information. The Facebook page of Delhi Division, bearing Facebook Account identity as "Delhi Division, Northern Railway" had been blocked between 17.10.12 to 15.11.12 but has now resumed. This account, opened on 2.4.2011 has had more than 71, 000 hits so far.

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†1670. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether work of laying railway tracks from Surat to Bhusawal as well as doubling of railway line under Western Railway which was approved in 1992 are yet to be completed;
- (b) the extent of work thereon that has been completed since 1992 till date along with remaining work;
- (c) whether Government in taking any steps to further expedite the work on this railway line;
- (d) the details of amount spent on this line since 1992 till date;
- (e) whether any special fund was earmarked for this work in Railway Budget, 2012; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.