

In addition, (i) the contract conditions have been modified to bring efficiency in contract management and field units have been empowered with further delegation of powers; and (ii) Security, land acquisition and environment issues are also taken up with State Governments and Ministry of Environment and Forest for early approvals.

#### **Adarsh Railway Stations in Andhra Pradesh**

262. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Adarsh Railway Stations developed in Andhra Pradesh since its announcement; and

(b) the number of Adarsh Railway Stations proposed to be developed in Andhra Pradesh during 2012-13?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) 30 railway stations have been developed so far under 'Adarsh' station scheme in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) 9 railway stations are proposed to be developed as Adarsh stations in Andhra Pradesh during 2012-13.

#### **Vacancies in Railways**

†263. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1.66 lakh posts are lying vacant in Railways;

(b) the steps taken to fill up these posts; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) The total number of vacancies in Zonal Railways as on 01.04.2012 is 2.5 lakhs (provisional).

(b) and (c) Notifications for filling up of about 2.0 lakhs posts including safety and operational posts have already been issued.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.