

(a) whether many Express, Mail and Passenger trains on Konkan route terminate at Sawantwadi but for cleaning and other maintenance work these are taken to Madgaon in Goa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether to save time and cost, Railways have proposed to construct a terminus at Madura near Sawantwadi;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Operationally not required at present.

Extension of advance reservation period

2162. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have extended the advance reservation period from three months to six months; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) No, Sir. The existing Advance Reservation Period is 120 days.

(b) Does not arise.

Revised policy for private investment

2163. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have recently approved revised policy for encouraging private investment in railway connectivity;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The recently approved revised policy for encouraging private investment in rail connectivity provides for five participative models. These are as under:

- (i) Non-Government Private Line Model
- (ii) Joint Venture model
- (iii) Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) model
- (iv) Capacity augmentation with funding provided by customers
- (v) Capacity augmentation through annuity model.

Meetings have been held with potential Investors to apprise them about the various models and investment options thereon to enable them to make investments suited to their business interests.

Setting up of Adarsh stations and MFCs

2164. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Ministry would set up Adarsh Stations by upgrading Banspani, Bolangir, Jajpur-Keonjhar Road, Khurda Road, Koraput Junction, Rayagada and Titlagarh Junction stations announced in 2009-10 and Angul, Belpahar, Bobbili, Jakhpura, Jharsuguda, Lanjigarh Road, Lapanga, Meramundali, Rengali, Raghunathpur and Titlagarh stations announced in Railway Budget 2010-11; and

(b) the status of eight Multi-Functional Complexes (MFCs) at Cuttack, Brahmapur, Jharsuguda, Rayagada, Banspani, Balasore and Bhubaneswar with budget hotel at Sambalpur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Banspani, Bolangir, Jajpur-Keonjhar Road, Khurda Road, Koraput Junction, Rayagada, Belpahar, Titlagarh Junction, Jharsuguda stations have already been developed under 'Adarsh' Station Scheme and all related works have been completed.