

**Separate railway zone at Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh**

‡3548. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a separate railway zone has been set up at Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether this zone has been given full rights to purchase materials, so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir. South East Central Railway Zone with headquarters at Bilaspur was set up in 2003.

(b) Power delegated for purchase of material to South East Central Railway is the same as what has been delegated to the other Zonal Railways.

(c) Does not arise.

**Enhancing capacity of web server of Railways**

3549. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are aware that e-ticket booking of train tickets takes lot of time to process;

(b) if so, whether Railways are considering to enhance the capacity of web server;

(c) if so, whether Railways have sought any opinion from experts on the above issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. E-ticket booking normally does not

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take much time. The highest ever booking of more than 5 lakh e-tickets in a day has been achieved recently. However, upgradation of e-ticketing capacity is a continuous process to fulfill the increasing demand for e-tickets.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

#### **Faults in Locomotives**

3550. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as 4258 locomotives developed faults during April, 2011 to January, 2012;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that every fifth train, passengers or goods, suffers a malfunction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) A total of 4260 locomotive failures were reported during the period April, 2011 to January, 2012. Of these 3049 were on diesel locomotives and 1211 on electric locomotives. The failures on diesel locomotives include 2905 on Broad Gauge and 144 on Meter Gauge. The failures average 14 per day out of an average of more than 7500 locomotives per day working passenger and freight trains.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Railway and welding fractures**

3551. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were several thousands of instances of railway and welding fractures since April, 2011 to January, 2012 across the 64,000 kilometre of route network;