

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that its many officers and employees are illegally occupying Government residential bungalows/houses despite their transfer or retirement;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken any steps for getting these houses vacated and for recovering outstanding amount in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Ministry proposes to take more such steps for stopping the practice of over-staying?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Trains originating from Goa

2313. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names and number of trains introduced/originating from any of the railway station in Goa in the last five years; and
- (b) if no train has been introduced, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Indian Railways do not introduce train services on State-wise basis as Railway network run across State boundaries. However, the trains introduced serving the State of Goa in last five years are as under:

1. 12741/12742 Vasco-da-Gama-Patna Express (weekly) w.e.f. 20.12.2008.
2. 10215/10216 Madgaon-Ernakulam Express (weekly) w.e.f. 27.12.2009
3. 17315/17316 Vasco-da-Gama-Velankanni Express (weekly) w.e.f. 29.8.2011.

Besides, the following trains serving the State of Goa have been announced in 2013-14:

1. Madgaon-Mangalore Intercity Express (daily)
2. Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Kochuveli Express (Bi-weekly) *via* Madgaon
3. Thiruvananthapuram-Hazrat Nizamuddin Express (weekly) *via* Madgaon
4. Madgaon-Ratnagiri Passenger (daily)
5. Madgaon-Karwar DEMU.

Doubling of railway lines in Odisha

2314. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the present status of the doubling of Sambalpur-Talcher, Delang-Puri, Cuttack-Baranga and Banspani-Tomka-Daitari railway lines in Odisha which are of public importance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (i) **Sambalpur-Talcher:-** Part-Detailed Estimate for Talcher-Bamur section has been sanctioned. Contract for Earthwork and minor bridges have been awarded. Contract for track linking is under finalization.

(ii) **Delang-Puri:-** Earthwork & bridge work have been taken up. 35% Earthwork and 55% work on bridges have been completed. Delang-Sakhigopal section is targeted for completion in 2013-14.

(iii) **Cuttack-Barang:-** Overall progress of project is 76%. Project is targeted for completion by March 2014.

(iv) **Banspani-Tomka-Daitari-Jakhapura:-** Overall progress of the project is 25% and is targeted for completion by December 2015.

Rail Tariff Authority

2315. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had decided to set up a Rail Tariff Authority;
- (b) if so, the reasons for delay in setting up the Authority; and
- (c) the time by when the Rail Tariff Authority is likely to be set up?