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(c) to (e) Do not arise.

**Intimation to passengers regarding Mega Block in Mumbai**

†583. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of local trains cancelled during the Mega Block in Mumbai in January;

(b) whether the administration had intimated the passengers about it;

(c) if so, the date of intimation to the passengers along with the medium of intimation and whether media and All India Radio were also used for this purpose;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the reasons for leaving the passengers to their fate; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Total 324 local trains were cancelled during the mega blocks in the month of January, 2013 in Mumbai.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Information regarding Mega Block was published as paid advertisement in English, Hindi, Marathi and Urdu news papers, All India Radio and Doordarshan and FM channels were informed through Press releases in Hindi and English. They in turn informed public in Hindi and Marathi. The information was given on 12.01.2013, 19.01.2013 and 26.01.2013 before the date of mega block.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

**Improvement in facilities for passengers of  
general sleeper class**

†584. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to improve the facilities for passengers of General sleeper class;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.