

Executive lounges at railway stations

614. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:
SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has opened Executive lounges at railway stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Zone-wise, particularly in South Central Railway;
- (c) the amount spent, so far, in this regard; and
- (d) the response received from the passengers, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Recently, only one Executive Lounge has been opened at New Delhi railway station through Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC).

- (c) As per policy, Executive Lounges are to be set up through IRCTC and hence no expenditure is incurred by Indian Railway.
- (d) The passengers have appreciated the facilities of Executive Lounge at New Delhi railway station.

**Basic amenities and infrastructure at Bhopal
Junction railway station**

615. DR. NAZMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bhopal Junction railway station lacks basic amenities and other infrastructure;
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes to improve infrastructure, passenger amenities at this station and take initiative for its expansion and start new trains as proposed by the State Government from there;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken in this regard?

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

(b) to (d) Augmentation/improvement to passenger amenities at a station is continuous process. In order to improve passenger amenities at Bhopal Junction railway station, works for improvement of main station building and extension of washable aprons on platform No. 4 and 5 have been completed during 2012-13, and works of providing additional Foot Over Bridge, 2nd entry to the station, lifts and escalators have been sanctioned.

Similarly, 6 pairs of trains including an A.C. double decker service between Indore and Habibganj, serving Bhopal, have been announced in Railway Budget 2012-13.

**Development of vacant land near Bhopal and
Indore railway stations**

616. DR. NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any request from Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding development of vacant land near Bhopal and Indore railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the time by which any decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

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

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Indore-Dahod and Dhar-Chhota Udaipur railway lines

†617. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has accorded sanction for the Indore-Dahod and Dhar-Chhota Udaipur railway line;

(b) if so, the cost of the aforesaid projects and the year in which they are targeted to be completed;

(c) whether it is a fact that work on the said railway line would be completed on priority basis keeping in view the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor project; and

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