

Ghaziabad to Moradabad was awarded, did not participate in the tender for electrification of Rohtak-Bathinda rail line.

However, one different JV firm having two members *i.e.* M/s Inabensa Bharat Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi and M/s Instalaciones Inabensa S.A. Spain have participated in the above tender.

(d) In this regard, Chief Project Manager (CPM), Railway Electrification, Ambala sent a request for registration of FIR to SSP (Railways), Ambala on 04.02.2013 and FIR has been filed against M/s. IB-PGF-INABENSA (JV) and Chief Manager of Dena Bank, Faridabad, with Parao Ambala Cantt. Police Station, District Ambala (Haryana) on 22.11.2013.

Vacancies in Southern Railway

1047. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vacancies in all service groups under the Southern Railway division; and

(b) whether Government has conducted exams and interviews to fill up these vacancies; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY) : (a) As on 1.4.2013, the total number of vacancies in all Groups is 14214 under Southern Railway.

(b) In the Financial year 2012-13, total 6465 persons were selected and placed in the panel of Southern Railway. Further new indents for 9810 posts have been placed on the recruitment agencies by Southern Railway.

Katra-Qazigund railway line

1048. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the passenger and goods traffic would commence on Katra-Qazigund railway line in view of its successful trials recently;

(b) whether fool-proof systems have been evolved to eliminate any chance of activities of anti-national and anti-social elements in view of sensitivity of this portion of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) the passenger load factor for the sector - Qazigund to Srinagar and from Srinagar onwards, during 2001 and 2012?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY) : (a) Qazigund-Banihal (19 km) section has already been completed and opened for passenger traffic. Katra-Banihal section (110 km) is targeted to be completed by December 2017.

(b) Policing in Railways is a State subject and prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Police, which they discharge through Govt Railway Police (GRP) of the State concerned. As such the cases of crime on Railway are reported to, registered and investigated by the Govt Railway Police. However, Railway Protection Force supplement the efforts of GRP by deploying their staff of escorting of important trains in affected areas and access control duties at important, and sensitive stations.

(c) The number of passengers and passenger earnings from Qazigund to Srinagar and Srinagar onwards is as under:-

Period	Qazigund-Srinagar		Srinagar-Bharamulla (Excluding Srinagar)	
	Passenger	Amount	Passenger	Amount
2011	15,65,308	1,59,65,095	5,30,330	48,71,399
2012	21,80,262	1,92,06,712	8,17,469	75,60,315

Expenditure on fossil fuels

1049. SHRI SHASHI BHUSAN BEHERA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the annual expenditure made by Railways on fossil fuels;