

had conducted special checks on running trains and nabbed a large number of ticketless travellers at Mumbai and Lucknow recently; and

(c) whether Railways have sanctioned recruitment of more than 4000 TTEs in one of the largest induction drives in recent times?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. During April-May, 2014, the number of passengers booked was less than 18 million compared to the same period of last year.

(b) Details of Fortress drives launched against ticketless travel and irregular travel during the month of June, 2014 at Mumbai area and at Lucknow are as under:-

Location	Number of Massive Checks (Fortress) Conducted	Total number of cases of travelling without ticket and irregular tickets detected and amount of railway dues realized therefrom.	
		Cases	Amounts (in ₹)
Mumbai area	09	3,551	9,97,710
Lucknow	01	213	91,000

(c) Arising and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. So far as filling up of vacancies of TTEs is concerned, there is no Direct Recruitment Quota for this post.

In Ticket Checking Cadre, the direct recruitment element is at the stage of Ticket Collectors (TCs)/Ticket Examiners (TEs). Recruitment process has already been undertaken to fill up 3,445 vacancies of TCs/TEs in the Railways. In 2014, 1,407 candidates have been empanelled for the post of TCs/TEs and supplied to indenting Zonal Railways.

Elimination of level crossings

3360. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have decided to do away with 902 level crossings across the country to check accidents and also to accelerate movement of goods trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any level crossings situated in Jharkhand are also included in the list of proposed elimination of level crossings; and

- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (d) Railway has planned for elimination of 890 level crossings across the country during 2014-15, out of which 730 are unmanned and 160 are manned level crossings. These 890 level crossings also include 39 level crossings in the State of Jharkhand out of which, 29 are unmanned and 10 are manned level crossings.

Converting stations into green buildings

3361. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railways are considering to convert some of its stations into green buildings;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether it is also a fact that Railways have appointed consultants in this regard; and

- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Railways have planned to harness solar energy at about 200 Railway stations in the country which is one of the important initiatives of 'green buildings'. Solar plants for these stations are presently under procurement.

- (c) and (d) Do not arise.

Power generation by installing solar panels at New Delhi railway station

3362. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railways are considering to allow private companies to install solar panels and generate power at New Delhi railway station and Railways would buy power at a pre-determined rate;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether it is also a fact that Railways are hopeful that 1 MW solar power can be generated alone from New Delhi Railway Station; and

- (d) if so, the details thereof?