

Installing escalators at Thirunelveli junction

1161. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to install escalators at the Thirunelveli Junction;
- (b) whether funds have been allocated for this work; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and by when this work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The work for provision of 2 nos. escalators for Thirunelveli Junction has been sanctioned.

(b) and (c) Adequate funds have been allocated during 2014-15. Procurement process has been initiated.

Operation of Kathgodam-Mumbai-Kathgodam train

†1162. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether operation of the Kathgodam-Mumbai-Kathgodam train has started;
- (b) if so, the departure time of the train from Kathgodam along with the names of stations which it passes through and the time taken by it to arrive at Mumbai; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for not operating the train so far along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) In the Railway Budget 2013-14, introduction of a new train between Ramnagar and Bandra (T) had been announced, which has been introduced *w.e.f.* 24.01.2014. Passengers of Kathgodam may avail this service from Lalkuan which is just 22 kms away. However, introduction of train between Kathgodam and Mumbai is not feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

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