

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Indian Railways have a policy on provision of stoppage of trains at stations (including district headquarters) which *inter-alia* stipulates operational feasibility and commercial justification as basic parameters. Indian Railways do not provide stoppage on State-wise/district-wise basis as railway network cuts across State/district boundaries.

(c) Nawapara Road is the serving station for Nuapada district of Odisha. The present level of traffic offering at Nawapara Road station does not justify provision of stoppage of additional train services at Nawapara Road which presently is being adequately served by 4 pairs of Mail/Express and 4 pairs of passenger trains.

Indore-Bhopal Double Decker AC train

1952. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Double Decker AC train between Indore and Bhopal is running into losses;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with total financial losses in this regard; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by Government to make this train service popular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Train -wise figures of profitability, earnings and expenditure are not separately maintained. Therefore, details regarding profitability of Indore-Bhopal Double Decker AC train are not available.

(c) To improve the occupancy of Train Nos. 22183/22184 and 22185/22186 Bhopal/Habibganj-Indore Double Decker AC Express services, the punctuality of this train is closely monitored.

Railway projects identified for closure

1953. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to close those railway projects for which Rate of Return (RoR) is very low or almost nil;
- (b) if so, whether Government has identified such railway projects; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?