

MoS during October and November, 2014 in train No. 12559/12560 Shivganga express; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) As per extant instructions, all requests received from various sources for release of berths out of Emergency Quota are preserved for a period of at least three months from the date of journey. However, it is not practically feasible to compile all the requests as a very large number of requests are received for different classes and the voluminous work and manpower involved in this exercise is not likely to give any gainful managerial input commensurate with the work involved.

(d) and (e) In order to meet the urgent travel requirements of High Official Requisition (HOR) holders, which includes Central Government Ministers, Judges of Supreme Court of India, High Court of various States etc. and MPs/MLAs, VIPs & other emergent demands, who are on the waiting list, a limited number of berths/seats have been earmarked as Emergency Quota in different trains and in different classes. This quota is released by the staff in accordance with the priority as per warrant of precedence and well established practice being followed since long.

At the time of allotment of berths, preference is given for self travel of high dignitaries. Thereafter, other requisitions received from various quarters are considered and the remaining quota is released taking into account the factors like status of passengers travelling, nature of urgency like travelling on Government Duty, bereavement in the family, sickness, job interview etc. The above procedure is followed scrupulously in all cases including Train No. 12559/12560 Shivganga Express.

#### **Developing Model stations with help of China**

3112.SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bengaluru and Bhubaneswar railway stations would be developed as Model stations with the help of China, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Railways have executed agreement with China in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) It has been decided to undertake prefeasibility studies regarding

redevelopment of Bhubaneswar or New Bhubaneswar and Baiyyappanahalli (Bengaluru) stations through the Chinese Railway Construction Engineering Group, at their cost, under an MoU signed between Indian Railways and National Railway Administration, Government of the People's Republic of China on 18.9.2014. Preliminary information has been exchanged between China Railway Construction Engineering Group and Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC) in this regard.

### **Training in China**

3113. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have decided to send officials in batches of 20 to China for training, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Railways and the Government of China have also agreed to work together in heavy haul trains, an area in which China has developed world class expertise, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Government of India and the Government of the People's Republic of China where Chinese assistance is being taken for training of Indian Railways' personnel in the area of heavy haul transportation. 100 Indian Railways' personnel are being deputed in 5 batches to Beijing Jiatong University, Beijing, China for this training. The first batch comprising 22 officers has been sent for training from 15.12.2014 to 26.12.2014.

### **Late running of Dehradun Jan Shatabdi Express**

†3114. SHRIMATI MANORAMA D. SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that all the trains from Delhi to Dehradun have not been reaching to their destinations on time for the last so many days, leading to severe troubles to the general public, if so, the reasons behind their reaching late;

(b) whether Jan Shatabdi Express (Train No. 12055/12056), in particular, has not been reaching on time on several days during the last two months (October and November) either to Dehradun or Delhi as per its time-table; and

(c) if so, the details of reaching late of each train along with reasons therefor, month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Indian Railways (IR) runs a total number of 10 Mail/Express train services

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† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.