

(b) whether recommendation from the State Government has been received in the matter, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stand of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) to (c) A large number of representations are received from various quarters for provision of stoppages of trains including proposal for provision of stoppage of Amritsar Shatabdi Express at Ambala Cantt. station, and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time. However, at present, three Shatabdi Express trains viz. 12013/12014 New Delhi-Amritsar Shatabdi Express (Daily), 12029/12030 New Delhi-Amritsar Shatabdi Express (6 days a week) and 12031/12032 New Delhi-Amritsar Shatabdi Express (Weekly) are available for Amrtisar bound passengers, and all of them are having stoppage at Ambala Cantt. station.

#### **Diesel Modernization Works of Railways**

1871. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to make the Diesel Modernization Works of Railways (DMW) in Punjab, a manufacturing hub for manufacturing of diesel and electric engines, for Railways under “Make in India” campaign, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) and (b) The Indian Railways already have manufacturing hubs for diesel engines (locomotives) at Diesel Locomotive Works (DLW), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh and for electric engines (locomotives) at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), Chittaranjan, West Bengal. In addition, Diesel Loco Modernisation Works (DMW), Patiala in Punjab also manufactures new diesel engines (locomotives) as per the requirement of Indian Railways.

#### **Railway Recruitment examinations for North Eastern Railway**

†1872. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Headquarters of the Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) and the Railway Recruitment Cell of the North Eastern Railway is situated in Gorakhpur and a

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camp office is situated in the campus of the office of the Divisional Railway Manager, Lucknow;

(b) whether it is a fact that examinations for filling up the newly created posts for the North Eastern Railway are conducted by the camp office, office of the Divisional Railway Manager, Lucknow; and

(c) the reasons that the written examinations for recruitment to the North Eastern Railway are not conducted by the Headquarter of Railway Recruitment Board, Gorakhpur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : ( a ) Yes, Sir. The headquarters of the Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) and Railway Recruitment Cell (RRC) of North Eastern Railway is situated at Gorakhpur. Camp Office of RRB is situated in the campus of the office of Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), North Eastern Railway (NER), Lucknow. There is no Camp Office of RRC in Lucknow. A temporary Camp Office is opened in the campus of the office of DRM/NER, Lucknow during the period when examinations for Group 'D' posts are conducted by RRC for which co-ordination is done with RRC Headquarters Office.

(b) No, Sir. The RRB and RRC conduct examinations at both the places, *i.e.* Lucknow as well as Gorakhpur. The choice of venue is determined on the basis of the magnitude of the examination concerned, and the logistical and other considerations having a bearing on smooth and fair conduct of examinations. Staff of RRB shifts to Lucknow for the purpose of conducting the examination as and when the examinations are held at Lucknow.

(c) Does not arise as the examinations are conducted by RRB, Gorakhpur.

#### **Modernization of railway network**

1873. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government proposes to take to improve the existing tracks, strengthen bridges, and modernize signalling and communication systems to meet the demands of modern railway network;

(b) whether Government proposes to open up Railways for FDI to modernize the entire network; and