

regularly by supervisors and Gazetted Officers for keeping effective vigil on suspected persons/object and on the suspects entraining and detraining en-route stations.

(e) No, Sir. At present, there is no such proposal to divert passenger trains from Surat to Udhna station as the existing infrastructural facilities available at Surat are commensurate with the present requirements.

(f) Increase/improvement of passenger capacity of Railway Stations is a continuous process as per volume of passenger traffic and availability of funds. Surat station has been developed under "Model and Modern" station scheme. For further development and improving passenger traffic capacity, Consultants for techno-economic feasibility studies have been appointed by Indian Railway Station Development Corporation Limited.

Replacement of old coaches

1886. SHRI SALIM ANSARI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are still using conventional coaches built in the years 1970-80, resulting into their frequent breaking down besides their maintenance being very expensive;

(b) whether by using such old coaches, the lives of passengers are being put at a very high risk; and

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to replace these more than 25 years old coaches by new and modern coaches for comfort of the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) No, Sir. No coach built in 1970-80 is being used in passenger services.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Tenders for stalls/trolleys

1887. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any plan for calling tenders for the allotment of Miscellaneous Article stalls/trolleys at New Delhi, Delhi, Hazrat Nizamuddin, Shahdara and Anand Vihar railway stations;

(b) if so, the time and date being fixed for the tendering;

(c) the details with names of miscellaneous articles contractors working at present at New Delhi, Hazrat Nizamuddin, Delhi and Anand Vihar railway stations; and

(d) the details of stalls, counters, trolleys and open spaces allotted to each Miscellaneous Article contractors at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The details of Miscellaneous Articles Contractors working at present at Delhi Division of Northern Railway are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of the station	Name of the contractor	Miscellaneous articles units			
			Stall	Trolley	Tray/ Counters	Open space
1.	Delhi	Maqbool Illahi & Sons	1	--	--	--
2.	Delhi	Krishna & Co.	--	2	6	--
3.	New Delhi	P. C & Sons	1	4	12	--
4.	Hazrat Nizamuddin	P. C & Sons	3	--	10	--
TOTAL			5	6	28	

Policy for rehabilitation of handicapped STD/PCO booth operators

1888. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/Chairman, Railway Board have received representations from Additional District and Session Judge, Delhi *vide* letter No. DSLSA/MSO/MISC/12/2051 dated 23 March, 2012 regarding conversion of STD/PCO booths into multi-purpose stalls operated by handicapped persons at railway stations on humanitarian grounds;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether any policy has been framed for rehabilitation of handicapped persons operating STD/PCO booths since long and whose livelihood is solely dependent thereon; and