

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) At present, 18619/18620 Ranchi-Dumka Express is not having AC-II tier coach in its regular composition. However, to cater to the need of upper class passengers, one AC-III tier coach is available.

(b) to (d) Request for provision of a composite AC coach in 18619/18620 Ranchi-Dumka Express has been received from the Government of Jharkhand, which has been examined but not found feasible for implementation due to lack of commercial justification.

Stopping manual scavenging in railways

621. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is undertaking any efforts to stop manual scavenging in Railways.

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government is undertaking any programme to find alternate employment for the people affected; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) No manual scavenging is practiced on Indian Railways.

In order to have effective waste disposal system, concrete washable aprons on platform tracks with jet cleaning arrangements is being provided. Mechanical cleaning and cleaning with protective gear is adopted for ensuring sanitation at stations.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Report of the GRP on crimes in moving trains

†622. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the report of the Government Railway Police (GRP) which has pointed out that the criminals who commit crimes on the moving trains have connection with Pointmen, Gangmen, Vendors, Coolies or other Railway officials;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.