

(b) The Committee has suggested formation of an Indian Railway Manufacturing Company (IRMC) under which the production units of the Railways will work. In respect of development of railway stations, the Committee has recommended invitation of expression of interest from potential users of land around each station along with partnership agreement with selected bidders and active participation of State Governments.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No decision has been taken in respect of the above at present.

Integrated Sub-urban Railway Network in Ahmedabad

602. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have proposed to develop Integrated Sub-urban Railway Network in Ahmedabad; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) State Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal for developing Suburban Railway network in Ahmedabad area (53 kms.) costing about ₹ 2050 crore. Ministry of Railways has conveyed its in-principle approval to the proposal subject to its technical feasibility at site duly considering future expansion needs of Railways and also that it may not be possible for Railways to fund the project.

Stations to be developed as model stations in Telangana

603. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thirteen stations in Telangana have been identified to be developed as model stations;

(b) if so, the details of each of the thirteen stations identified;

(c) the status of modernization of each of the above thirteen stations, station-wise; and

(d) by when they are likely to become model stations as envisaged under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (d) In the State of Telangana, 18 stations have been identified and

developed under Model Stations Scheme. The names of these 18 model stations in Telangana State are as under:

1. Secunderabad 2. Hyderabad 3. Kacheguda 4. Kazipet 5. Khammam 6. Manchiryai 7. Ramagundam 8. Warangal 9. Nizamabad 10. Mahbubabad 11. Sirpur Kagaznagar 12. Tandur 13. Dornakal 14. Vikarabad 15. Bhadrachalam Road 16. Mahabubnagar 17. Basar and 18. Nalgonda.

Premium express trains incurring operational losses

604. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sixteen premium express trains, including Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Durgam Cheruvu are incurring operational losses per trip, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the losses ranged between ₹ 33,204 and ₹ 10,90,480 for each of such trains, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to take multiple reform initiatives, including rationalization of work force, setting up an independent regulator and re-organization of railway services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Train-wise figures of profitability are not calculated. However, tentative profitability study of selected trains had been done which *prima facie* indicated that some of these trains did not achieve break-even point.

(c) and (d) Reforms and rationalization of work force are on-going processes to raise productivity. Ministry of Railways has proposed to set up an independent regulatory mechanism for making regulations, setting performance standards and determining tariffs.

Provision of RO system for drinking water at railway stations

605. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether lakhs of passengers are consuming unsafe drinking water at various railway stations in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of Railways thereon;