

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. Manchiryal 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;