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(b) if so, by when the above facility would be extended; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) For upper class passengers of 5013/5014 Delhi-Kathgodam Ranikhet Express, two AC-2 tier coaches and one AC-3 tier coach are available. Since the train is running with maximum permissible load, it is not feasible to provide First AC coach or additional AC-2 tier coach at present.

Train derailment in Rayagada, Orissa

152. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a train derailment in Rayagada district of Orissa on the 9th June, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the causes of this derailment;

(d) whether it is a fact that human error was the cause of this derailment; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed by the Railways to avert such accidents in future?

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

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

However, there was a train derailment in the Rayagada District of Orissa on 19.06.2004 in which train Engine with 03 (three) coaches of 8006 Dn Samleswari Express derailed between Lillguma and Bhalumaska Stations of Koraput-Rayagada single line section of Waltair Division. There was no injury and casualty to any passenger. The accident is being inquired into and the report is awaited.

Proposal to include Guntakal in South-Western Zone at Hubli

153. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to include Guntakal in

South-Western Zone at Hubli instead of south Central Zone at Secunderabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): No, Sir.

Extending the Naihati-Budge Budge Railway Line

154. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to extend the existing Naihati-Budge Budge Railway line, Sealdah Division, up to Bandel under the Eastern Railway jurisdiction; and

(b) if so, the latest position of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) There is already a railway line connecting Bandel-Naihati with Budge Budge *via* Sealdah and Ballygunge.

Godhra Rail Fire Incident

†155. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed in Godhra Rail Fire accident together with the names and addresses of the passengers killed;

(b) whether according to forensic report, fire had taken place from inside the Rail coach;

(c) if so, whether Government would come out with truth of Godhra incident before the country by constituting an enquiry on the basis of this report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 59 persons died out of which 52 were identified and 7 were not identified. A list of names and addresses of persons killed is enclosed as Statement (See below)

(b) Yes, Sir. According to Forensic Science Laboratory report fire had taken place from inside the train coach.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.