

Cartels in supplying materials to Railways

781. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of prevalence of cartels in supplying materials to Railways;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to dislodge these cartels in the supplier side to Railways; and

(c) whether Government will agree to consider policy changes in the present method of procuring materials by Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry has issued circulars time to time on the said subject, suggesting steps to be taken in such cases including reporting the matter to Competition Commission of India.

(c) Policy change is a continuous process which is done as and when warranted.

Railway university at Vadodara

†782. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have decided to open its university at Vadodara in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps in this regard so far; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Railways have decided to establish one Railway University by upgrading the National Academy of Indian Railways at Vadodara and by incorporating the existing Centralized Training Institutes of Indian Railways as Constituent Schools of Study.

Incidents of crime in Railways

†783. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the zone-wise details of incidents of various crimes that occurred in Railways during the last three years;

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