

Valuation of MFC site at Sambalpur has been done. Further, finalisation of alternate sites has been undertaken at Balasore, Berhampur, Jharsuguda and Rayagada.

Process of development of Multi Functional Complexes (MFCs) involves clearances from local bodies, construction of building and their leasing/licensing largely through private sector participation which is done after conducting feasibility studies, bidding process, etc. It may, therefore, not be possible to give any fixed time-frame for development of MFCs and making them operational.

Creation of another railway division at Rayagada under East Coast Railway

3066. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether keeping in view the public demand, Railways are considering to create another Railway Division at Rayagada under the jurisdiction of East Coast Railway with five railway lines - Nuapada-Gunupur, Rayagada-Titlagarh-Raipur, Koraput-Rayagada, Koraput-Jeypore-Jagdalpur, and Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): No, Sir.

Late running of trains

†3067. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Swatantrata Senani Express, Bihar Sampark Kranti-Express, Vaishali Express and Jai Nagar Garib Rath trains, that ply in and out of Bihar, are never able to reach their destinations in time;

(b) whether passengers having wait-listed tickets get into the sleeper coaches and deprive the passengers having confirmed tickets from sitting and even going to bathrooms/toilets; and

(c) whether Government is considering running the Jai Nagar Garib Rath, everyday, in order to rid of this inconvenience, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. The punctuality performance of 12561/12562 Swatantrata Senani Express, 12565/12566 Bihar S.K. Express, 12553/12554 Barauni-New Delhi-Barauni Vaishali Express and 12569/12570 Jaynagar Anand Vihar-Jaynagar Garib Rath Express have not been satisfactory in the past few months.

The above trains run *via* following routes/corridors:

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- (i) Jaynagar Garibrath Exp. *via* Mughalsarai-Allahabad-Kanpur-Ghaziabad,
- (ii) Swatantrata Senani Exp. *via* Varanasi-Allahabad-Kanpur-Ghaziabad,
- (iii) Vaishali Exp. *via* Barabanki-Lucknow-Kanpur-Ghaziabad, and
- (iv) Bihar Sampark Kranti Exp. *via* Barabanki-Lucknow-Kanpur-Ghaziabad.

The above routes are facing severe capacity constraints (140% or above utilization) on account of increasing passenger and freight traffic. Any delay on these corridors on account of even a small failure/unusual results in cascading effect on train operations leading to delay in all trains following the affected train. Apart from the above, punctuality of these trains have also been affected by accidents, planned blocks for executing capacity enhancement works and construction of low height subway, ROBs, RUBs etc. Factors external to Railway working, too have adversely impacted the running of trains on these sectors such as adverse weather conditions (fog, rains, breaches), intermittent natural calamities such as floods, heavy rains, heavy road traffic at level crossing gates, multi faceted law and order problems etc.

Various measures are being taken to augment sectional capacity on the above routes and all efforts are being made to ensure punctual running of the above trains.

(b) Some instances of passengers having waiting list tickets entering reserved compartments do come to notice. Periodical drives are conducted to check this menace. Regular joint drives are also conducted by Commercial, Vigilance and Railway Protection Force. These checks are intensified during peak rush/festival periods and action as per provisions of Railway Act 1989 is taken against the unauthorized persons found in reserved coaches.

(c) At present, increase in frequency of 12569/12570 Jaynagar-Anand Vihar (T) Garib Rath Express from bi-weekly to daily is not feasible, due to operational and resources constraints.

Completion of Tarakeswar-Bishnupur rail route

3068. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present targeted date of completion of Tarakeswar-Bishnupur railway line which was inaugurated in 2012; and

(b) the present targeted, date of completion of Bagnan-Amta railway line which was inaugurated in 2010?