

1	2	3	4
Not Substantiated	405	445	532
D and AR Action	107	26	21
Any Other	543	432	1113
TOTAL	6307	6155	8486

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The names of the catering companies/firms against whom investigations are going on are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Companies/Firms	Zonal Railways
1.	M/s R.K. Associates	East Coast
2.	M/s Vikash Kumar Gupta and Co.	South Eastern
3.	M/s Sunshine Caterers	Western

**Development of Jharkhand, Puducherry and Telangana Railway Stations
Through Swiss Challenge Method**

4120. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are planning to invite private participation in development works of railway stations through Swiss Challenge method, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the railway stations selected for development under this method; and

(c) whether any railway stations in Jharkhand, Puducherry and Telangana are also being considered for development under this method, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) Indian Railways has advertised its plan to offer 'A-1' and 'A' category stations on 'as is where is' basis for redevelopment by inviting proposals from interested parties with their designs and business ideas. The entire cost of station redevelopment is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the station.

State-wise details of the 'A-1' and 'A' category railway stations are given in Statement (*See below*).

The stations identified for redevelopment in the States of Jharkhand and Telangana are as given below:

Telangana	Hyderabad, Kacheguda, Kazipet, Khammam, Manchiryal, Nizamabad, Secunderabad and Warangal.
Jharkhand	Bokaro Steel City, Daltonganj, Dhanbad, Gomoh, Hatia, Jasidih, Koderma, Madhupur, Parasnath, Ranchi and Tatanagar.

Bids for redevelopment of 23 stations in different States, including Secunderabad in Telangana and Ranchi in Jharkhand, have been invited in the first phase.

There are no 'A-1' or 'A' category stations in Puducherry.

Statement

State-wise details of 'A-1' and 'A' category stations

State	Category of stations	
	'A-1'	'A'
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	3	23
Assam	1	9
Bihar	6	31
Chhattisgarh	2	5
Chandigarh	1	-
Delhi	4	4
Goa	-	1
Gujarat	4	17
Haryana	1	12
Jammu and Kashmir	1	1
Nagaland	-	1
Odisha	2	10
Punjab	2	11
Rajasthan	3	23
Jharkhand	2	9
Karnataka	2	18

1	2	3
Kerala	4	17
Madhya Pradesh	2	21
Maharashtra	10	28
Tamil Nadu	4	23
Telangana	3	5
Uttar Pradesh	12	44
Uttarakhand	2	3
West Bengal	4	15

Replacement of obsolete equipments

4121. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI:

SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the equipments used by Railways are now obsolete and need immediate replacement, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether train accidents that took place in the last three years are attributed to obsolete equipments; and

(c) if so, the urgent steps being taken by the Ministry to address this problem on a priority basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) No, Sir. Updation of equipment design of various systems in use over Indian Railways is a continuous process and new technology is inducted from time to time based on its adaptability, operational needs and availability of resources.

In Railway Signalling, 382 stations which are about 5% of the total stations are provided with mechanical Signalling. These stations are progressively being upgraded to Electrical/Electronic Signalling.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Mechanical Signalling systems are being progressively upgraded to new Electric/Electronic Signalling. However, intensive maintenance of existing systems is being done to ensure safety till they are in service.