

of lady staff, transfer on own request etc., at present it is not completely manned by women employees.

At present there are no instructions to open all-women stations.

**Appointments in N.E. and E.C. Employees Multi State
Co-operative Bank Limited**

†2688. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal of appointing General Manager, Northern Railway as *ex-officio* Chairman and Financial Advisor and Chief Accounts Officer as *ex-officio* Vice-Chairman has been sent by general body of the N.E. and E.C. Employees Multi State Co-operative Bank Limited, Gorakhpur to Central Co-operative Registrar; and

(b) the action taken by Central Co-operative Registrar on above said proposal by general body of the bank and board of directors along with the details thereof?

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

(b) Question does not arise.

Status of bullet train

2689. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of bullet train proposed between Mumbai and Ahmedabad;

(b) whether the land for the purpose has been acquired in Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(c) whether project sites have been established for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Government has sanctioned Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project (MAHSR) project with technical and financial assistance from Government of Japan. A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) namely National High Speed

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Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has been formed to implement the project. The final location survey, finalisation of alignment and geo-technical investigation have been completed. Total land required for the MAHSR project is 1434.4 hectares. Application/requisition for acquisition of the entire requirement has been given to respective State Governments of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli (DNH). Relevant notifications under Section-11 (in the State of Gujarat and DNH) and Namuna-1 (in the State of Maharashtra) have been published for approximately 1410 hectares. Joint Measurement Survey (JMS) has been completed for 1064 hectare. 37 hectare of private land has been acquired till date for the project.

(c) and (d) NHSRCL has established its project offices at Mumbai and Palghar in Maharashtra and Surat, Vadodara and Ahmedabad in Gujarat.

Redevelopment of railway stations

†2690. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to re-develop the railway stations considered important in terms of urban development and which have become crowded over the years;

(b) whether some foreign countries have shown interest in re-development of these railway stations; and

(c) if so, the names of such countries and cost of re-development of these railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has recently approved Railways' proposal for redevelopment of railway stations by Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC) as Nodal Agency, through simplified procedures and for longer lease tenure. Accordingly, all the stations on Indian Railways have been entrusted to IRSDC for undertaking the techno-economic feasibility studies. Based on the outcome of the feasibility studies, the stations are planned to be taken up for redevelopment, in phases.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. An agreement has been signed with the French Railway (SNCF) for joint study on Renovation Concept Design of Ambala and Ludhiana stations. Korean Railway has expressed interest in the re-development of New Delhi station.

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