

Message on tickets of senior citizens

3005. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for Railways printing the message on senior citizen's tickets "Are you aware that 43 per cent of your fare is borne by the common citizens of the country"; and

(b) whether the Ministry propose to take down this message and whether it considers such message as hurtful to the senior citizens?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) In order to bring transparency regarding cost of travel being borne by the Government to all passengers, a decision was taken to print message on this account on reserved as well as unreserved tickets. There was no intention to hurt sentiments of any one.

Instructions have now been issued to print this message on the back side of reserved as well as unreserved tickets issued through Passenger Reservation System (PRS) and Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) counters.

Ongoing railway projects in Andhra Pradesh

3006. SHRI T.G.VENKATESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various ongoing railway projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh including Kurnool Midlife Coach Factory (MCF), project-wise and their present status;

(b) the details of funds allocated to the Kurnool MCF since its inception and the reasons for delay in executing the project;

(c) the number of railway projects lagging behind the scheduled completion, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to complete the projects at an early date, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (d) Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise, not State-wise. However, details of projects falling fully/partly in State of Andhra Pradesh are as under: