

**Model Railway Stations**

798. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE :  
SHRI RATILAL VARMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have selected some Railway Stations in the country for developing them into the Model Railway Stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount earmarked for this purpose during the current year and next year;

(d) the progress made so far including the details of such stations developed in Gujarat;

(e) whether Vijayawada Railway Station has been chosen for development as a Model station; and

(f) if so, the details of the work, the estimated cost and the time by which this work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) to (c). Model Station scheme, which was introduced in 1986, has since been completed and closed. 67 Railway Stations all over the Indian Railways were developed under this scheme.

(d) Under this scheme, Rajkot, Junagarh and Ahmedabad Railway Stations, in the State of Gujarat, were developed as Model Stations at a cost of Rs. 38.82 lakh.

(e) Yes, Sir. Vijayawada was also developed as a Model Station under this scheme.

(f) Under this scheme, works of remodelling of booking office; provision of drinking water taps, additional seating arrangements of platforms and in waiting hall, platform shelters, improved lighting, fans and digital clocks; augmentation/improvement to bathing cubicals, lavatories, urinals and utility stalls; extension and widening of platform; improvement to platform surface and circulating area and extension of foot-over-bridge were completed at Vijayawada at a cost of Rs. 164.95 lakh.

**Vacant Posts**

799. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether in terms of Railway Board's instructions, all the reserved posts of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are to be filled up by subsequent recruitment/special recruitment drives;

(b) if so, the reasons for not following the above instructions by the South Eastern Railway and South Central Railway particularly for Group D posts due to which large number of posts are not proposed to be filled up for want of vacancies; and

(c) whether it is proposed to fix up the responsibility of all those who are responsible for non-observance of reservation rules?

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

(b) The instructions issued by Railway Board are being followed on South Eastern and South Central Railways in regard to making up the shortfall of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in Groups 'C' and 'D'. Approval has been given to recruit 330 Scheduled Tribes on South Central Railway and 609 Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes on South Eastern Railways in Group 'D'.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

**Basic Amenities**

800. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :  
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the facilities of electricity, drinking water and sanitation is available merely in sixteen per cent of the total dwelling units in the country;

(b) if not, the assessment of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether any target has been fixed by the Government during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF