

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide a rail link between Manmad and Indore via Dhule and Nardana;

(b) if so, the details thereof and at what stage the matter stands at present; and

(c) how long it will take to complete this project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Trains from Ram Nagar to Delhi and Lucknow

7930. SHRI RAMESH BAIS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no direct trains from Ram Nagar station of North Eastern Railway for Delhi and Lucknow;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that passengers coming to Delhi from Moradabad and those going to Ram Nagar from Lucknow have to wait for one to three hours;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to make some arrangements to remove the difficulties of these passengers; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) A direct service namely 4055A/4056A in conjunction with 4055/4056 between Delhi and Ram Nagar and another such service namely 4065A/4066A in conjunction with 4265/4266 between Ram Nagar and Lucknow is already available.

(b) In order to link/delink the coaches on these services on journey towards destination, operational requirements involve delay of one or two hrs. at Moradabad.

(c) and (d). Not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

[*English*]

Naming a Railway Station after Late Shri Kamraj Nadar

7931. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is persistent public demand to name a railway station in Tamil Nadu after Late Shri Kamraj Nadar;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) to (c). Some representations were received by Southern Railways for naming a new passenger halt between Katankulathur and Singaperumal Kovil stations as 'Shri Kamraj Nadar'. As per existing procedure, Railway administration is guided by the recommendations of the State Government in the matter of naming a new station. Accordingly, the matter was taken up with the Tamilnadu Government who in turn have approved the name of the said halt as 'Mairaimalai Nagar'.

Passenger Facilities in Kerala Express

7932. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to improve the facilities and introduce library facilities to travelling passengers in Kerala Express;

(b) whether it is also proposed to increase the number of coaches in Kerala Express;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Upgradation of Facilities/amenities is a continuous process. However, there is no proposal to introduce library facilities in Kerala Express.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Resource and operational constraints.

Sitamarhi-Muzaffarpur Line

7933. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted a survey for laying rail line between Sitamarhi and Muzaffarpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the rail line is likely to be laid; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The survey conducted in 1984 revealed that the estimated cost of the 63km. long BG Line at then prevailing price level would be Rs. 28.70 crores, with negative rate of return. Due to constraint of resources and heavy commitments on hand, there is no proposal to take up this line at present.

Fare for Trivandrum-Dubai Flight of Air India

7934. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the flying distance between Trivandrum and Dubai and chargeable fare of the Air India on this sector;

(b) the flying distance between Bombay and New York and chargeable air fare therefor;

(c) whether there is disparity in chargeable fare per k.m. on both sectors; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (d). The flying distance, Economy Class air fares & fare per kilometer between Trivandrum and Dubai on one hand and Bombay and New York on the other hand is given below: