

**New Short Distance Passenger Trains**

2207. DR. PHULRENU GUHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce additional new short distance passenger trains to relieve the pressure of passenger traffic on long distance trains; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Introduction of short distance passenger trains is generally not favoured.

**Export Processing Zone at Visakhapatnam**

2208. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced its intention to set up Export Processing Zone at Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) the likely date by which Export Processing Zone will come into being?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (c). Government have agreed in principle to the location of a Export Processing Zone at Visakhapatnam. The modalities of implementing the possibility have to be worked out having regard to the relevant techno-economic considerations. It is not possible to indicate a time limit in this regard at this stage.

[*Translation*]

**New Railway Lines in Bundelkhand Area**

2209. SHRIDAL CHANDERJAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey was conducted to construct a new railway line in Bundelkhand Area;

(b) if so, whether the survey work has been completed; if not, the present position thereof;

(c) the names of the places between which survey is being conducted and the nature thereof; and

(d) time by which construction work is proposed to be started?

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

(b) to (d). A survey for a new BG line between Lalitpur & Singrauli via Chhatarpur, Khajuraho, Mahoba, Satna, Rewa was done in 1980-81; but the project was not approved due to its unremunerativeness. A final Location Engineering cum Traffic Survey between Rewa and Beohari is now in progress. A fresh Preliminary Survey for Lalitpur Khajuraho-Satna, Mahoba-Khajuraho & Rewa-Sidhi-Singrauli railway lines has also been proposed for 89-90. Construction of Satna-Rewa rail link has been approved in 1984-85 and the work on the same is in progress. The question of taking up construction of the remaining portion does not arise at this stage, as it would depend on the results of the proposed survey & availability of Plan resources for construction of New Lines.