

[English]

Local Trains in Mumbai

3061. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is persistent demand to introduce mere local trains in Mumbai; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to meet the public demand in Mumbai?

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

(b) Augmentation of Suburban trains in Mumbai area is a continuous process depending upon the availability of EMU rakes and other resources.

However, for the convenience of local commuters in Mumbai suburban area, the number of 12-car services have been increased from 104 to 148 w.e.f. 28.6.96 which provide additional accommodation for commuters as compared to 9-car rake.

Seizure of Arms

3062. SHRI MODHAVRAO SCINDIA :
SHRI PINAKI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether huge quantities of RDX and terrorists' arms and equipments had been seized in Delhi during June 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). The details of arms, ammunition and explosives seized by the Delhi Police in June 1996 are indicated in the statement attached

(c) The persons involved in these seizures have been arrested and action as per law has been initiated against them.

STATEMENT

S. No.	Arms/ammunition & Explosives seized	Date of seized
1	2	3
1.	1 AK-56, rifle, 2 Magazines with 59 cartgs.	7.6.1996
2.	1.325 Kg. RDX, 5 timers	7.6.1996
3.	1 AK-56 rifle with 2 magazines 60 cartridges. 3 Kg. RDX, 2 Chinese grenades.	12.6.1996

1	2	3
4.	1.150 Kg. RDX, 1 timer, 1 Gas cylinder, 1 detonator and other tools to make IED.	15.6.1996
5.	500 grms. RDX, 2 detonators and 1 Binocular.	27.6.1995
6.	1 stick hand grenade	27.6.1996
7.	2 IED, 2 hand grenades.	27.6.1996

Conversation from Metre Gauge to Broad Gauge

3063. DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are representations for the conversion of Morvi-Navalakhhi-Maorkaner and Dahusara-Maliya Metre Gauge lines on the Western Railway into Broad Gauge;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

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

(b) and (c). The work of conversion of this line has been included in railway budget 1995-96 and outlay of Rs. 35 crores under 'BOLT' has been provided for 1996-97 as the work is being taken up through private capital under 'BOLT' Scheme.

Dogri Language

3064. SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the people to Jammu have been agitating for inclusion of Dogri Language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government there to and the stand taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Demands have been made to include Dogri Language in the Eighth Schedule of the constitution. However, the question of inclusion or otherwise of any or more languages in the Eighth Schedule of the constitution is under consideration of the Government.

Tibet Refugees

3065. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of refugees from Tibet staying in India at present, State-wise; and

(b) the number of refugees out of them employed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) About 98,000 refugees from Tibet are staying in India at present. A statement indicating the State-wise figures is attached.

(b) About 44,500 Tibetan refugees have been provided rehabilitation assistance under various agricultural and handicraft scheme. The remaining Tibetan refugees have resettled on their own.

STATEMENT

State-wise figures of Tibetan Refugees Staying in India

S.No.	State/Union Territory	No. of refugees
1.	Andhra Pradesh	400
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	6004
3.	Delhi	302
4.	Himachal Pradesh	19346
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	5704
6.	Karnataka	31467
7.	Madhya Pradesh	1650
8.	Maharashtra	1100
9.	Meghalaya	42
10.	Punjab	72
11.	Sikkim	5025
12.	Orissa	3900
13.	Uttar Pradesh	12737
14.	Bihar	53
15.	West Bengal	7386
Total		97908

[Translation]

Road on China-Nepal-Bangladesh Border

3066. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a plan to construct a 1600 km. Long road (Parsarvarti path) from Bareilly (U.P.) to Amingaon (Assam) was prepared in 1963 after the Chinese aggression in 1962 in the interest of the national security;

(b) if so, whether the Project has been completed so far;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps being taken to complete the missing lines;

(e) whether the Government are considering to construct an alternative national highway compulsory along the borders of China-Nepal and Bangladesh from the strategic point of view; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to construct the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (f). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

New Railway Zones

3067. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Railways have constituted a new Railway Zone with its headquarters at Bangalore;

(b) if so, the territorial extent of the said zone and its nomenclature;

(c) whether a separate Railway Division with its headquarters at Bangalore is contemplated;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which these decisions are likely to become operative?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to set up six additional Zonal Headquarters including one at Bangalore.

(b) The nomenclature of the Zone shall be South-Western Railway (SWR). The exact jurisdiction of the proposed Zone is yet to be finalised.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Setting up of Zones is expected to be completed in about sixty months.

Survey by RITES

3068. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a draft report was given to railways by 'RITES' the agency which conducted survey of Angamaly-Erumely rail line through Juvattapuzha and Pala in Kerala;

(b) whether investment return ratio shown is positive;

(c) if so, the investment return ratio of Kottayam-Erumely-Punalur line;