

Departure time of Andhra Express

3360. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations for a change in the departure timing of Andhra Express for Hyderabad for the convenience of passengers on the route; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(b) Examined but not found feasible at present due to operational difficulties.

[Translation]

Conversion of Farrukhabad-Kanpur Section

3361. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme for gauge conversion of railway line from Farrukhabad to Kanpur on Northern Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Kanpur to Farrukhabad via Northern Railway is already on Broad Gauge. However, Kanpur to Farrukhabad on North Eastern Railway is on Metre Gauge.

(b) The work of conversion of Kanpur-Farrukhabad-Kasganj is included in the

Action Plan for gauge conversions and is planned to be taken up during the VIII Five Year Plan.

Re-Naming of Samraha Station

3362. SHRI SUKDEV PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to change the name of Samraha (Bihar) Railway Station after the name of late Shri Fanishwar Nath Renu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). As per existing policy, any change in the names of the existing stations can be made only with the recommendation of the State Government concerned and with the concurrence of the Ministry of Home Affairs. No such proposal duly recommended by the State Government and concurred in by Ministry of Home Affairs has been received.

[English]

Programme for Aids prevention

3363. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of voluntary organisations engaged in AIDS prevention programme which have received financial assistance from the Union Government during 1991-92; and

(b) the areas of activities of these or-