

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) So far, no project has been approved to set up solar power plants for supply of electricity on a commercial basis in North Bihar.

(c) The work of electrification of the remaining villages in Bihar is likely to be completed by the end of the Eight Plan, subject to availability of funds and other inputs.

Discontinuing of 'Janata Express' Passenger Trains

753. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the total number of 'Janata Express' passenger trains running in the country as on 1 January 1985;

(b) the names of the trains which were discontinued during the last five years and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to restart these trains; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Twenty paise.

(b) A Statement is given below.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Re-organised rationalised services that have replaced them provide better facilities to passengers.

STATEMENT

During the period 1985 to 1989 the character/composition of the following Janata Trains was changed either by way of provision of Upper Class accommodation or as a result of change in their names after replacement by better services:-

1. 17/18 Madras Central-Jammu Tawi Express
 2. 13/14 Bombay- Madras Express
 3. 41/42 Bombay-Howrah Express
 4. 169/170 Bombay-Bhagalpur Express
 5. 913/914 Bombay-Muzaffarpur Express
 6. 131/132 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Cochin/Mangalore Express
 7. 81/82 Bombay-Kanniya Kumari Express
 8. 61/62 Howrah-Dehradun Express
 9. 153/154 Muzaffarpur-Delhi Express
 10. 45/46 Delhi-Amritsar Express
 11. 37/38 Madras-Howrah Express
 12. 305/306 Cochin-Shoranur Express
 13. 165/166 Howrah-New Bongaigaon Express
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14. 31/32 Delhi-Ahmadabad Aravali Express