

far sponsored and firm proposal for the facility, duly consenting to bear the cost, as per rules.

[English]

Commercial Exploitation of railway property

36 SHRI SHANKERSINGH VAGHELA:
KUMARI UMA BHARTI:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have prepared a scheme to commercially exploit railway properties in the country which are either lying idle or occupied by encroachers;

(b) the main outline alongwith the time-schedule of the scheme;

(c) the estimated amount to be mobilised; and

(d) the zone-wise break-up of the property and the estimate thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). The railway land laying vacant or encroached upon at present is required for railways' future developmental works. It is proposed to explore the feasibility of commercially exploiting space over railway land and land presently lying vacant or encroached upon, without obstructing the use of the land by Railways when required, with a view to generating additional resources for railways' developmental projects. The matter is in initial stages.

[Translation]

Passenger Trains on Gonda-Mallani Section

37. SHRI LAKSHMI NARAIN MANI TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passenger trains on Gonda-mallani section are always behind their scheduled time;

(b) the number of times these trains have been derailed since July last and the total number of coaches damaged and loss suffered as a result thereof;

(c) the number of times the engines of these trains detached from their coaches;

(d) whether there is any scheme to introduce mail or express trains on this section;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) From July, 1991 to January, 1992 one train derailed but no coaches were damaged.

(c) 9 Engines detached from the train during July, 1991 to January, 1992.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Resource constraints.