

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARATHA): (a) and (b). There is no preventive measure or treatment for colour blindness.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Railway Line via Mohali-Fatehgarh Sahib

4720. SHRI HARCHAND SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received a proposal from the Government of Punjab to connect Chandigarh with Ludhiana-Delhi-trunk route via Mohali-Fatehgarh Sahib;

(b) whether the proposal has been examined and action taken for survey in this connection; and

(c) if so, the expected time by which the proposal is likely to be approved?

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

(b) A survey has been taken up to connect Rajpura with Chandigarh to provide a direct link, without any reversal, from all districts of Punjab Chandigarh, while the line via Mohali and Fategarh Sahib will suffer from double reversal for all trains coming from Bhatinda, Bamala, Dhuri and Patiala direction.

(c) Further consideration of the proposal would depend upon the results of the survey

and availability of resources in the coming years.

Speed of Trains on Bangalore-Mysore line

4721. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHARS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the average speed prescribed for the trains running between Bangalore and Mysore on new broad gauge line;

(b) whether the average speed of these trains is less than the speed prescribed for these trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the speed of these trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). There is no prescribed average speed as such. Trains run as per maximum permissible speeds specified for a section, different types of coaches and locomotives. Normally the maximum permissible speed of trains in the broad gauge is 90 to 100 kmph. Trains in Bangalore-Mysore section however, run at a speed lower than this because it is a newly converted section. Once the section stabilised the same will be restored to the normal level.

Pilferage of Goods and Railway Property

4722. SHRI PROBINA DEKA:
SHRI ANANTRAO
DESHMUKH:
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT:
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: