

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Temporary stoppage of 4055/4056 Brahamputra Mail has been provided at Sultanganj from 14.8.96 to 31.8.96.

Bomb Blast

3162. SHRI JAGATVIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether bomb was blasted in bogie No. 830 C/A of N.E. Express (Gauhati-Delhi) on May 16, 1996;

(b) if so, any enquiry was conducted to find out the motives behind the bomb blast;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to avoid such situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). According to information available, an explosion took place in a coach attached to 5621 Up NE Express near East Cabin, Aligarh on 16.5.1996 at about 1845 hrs. Preliminary enquiries indicate that the explosion was probably caused by a hand grenade carried by a BSF personnel and was accidental in nature. GRP, Aligarh has registered a case under sections 304, 324 IPC, 3 Explosive Act and 151 Railway Act. Further enquiries are in progress.

[Translation]

Repairing and Manufacturing of Coaches

3163. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether work regarding the repairing of coaches and manufacturing of wagons in Izzatnagar factory is in progress;

(b) if so, the details of work undertaken during the last three years;

(c) whether the strength of the employees and progress of work is constantly declining in the said factory;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government have decided to close down this factory; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The work undertaken in Izzatnagar workshop is of repair of M.G. wagons and coaches. This workshop is not undertaking wagon manufacture.

(b) Details of work undertaken for last three year :-

	93-94	94-95	95-96
POH			
(i) Wagon (MG)	1640	1200	1170
(ii) Coaches (MG)	1380	1390	1080

(c) and (d). The reduction in the number of employees is to the extent of normal retirements in Izzatnagar workshop and lower arising of M.G. stock POH workload due to gauge conversion. However, to compensate this, manufacture of M.G. DMUs and Rail Buses are being undertaken. There is no plan, at present, to close down this workshop.

(e) Does not arise.

Extension of Shatabdi Express

3164. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for extension of New Delhi-Chandigarh bound Shatabdi Express upto Kalka;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be extended in view of the promotion of Tourism; and

(c) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). Some representations were received in this regard. These were examined but not found feasible due to operational and resources constraints.

[English]

Oil Spill in Haldi River

3165. SHRI. MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge quantity of diesel leaked from a tanker into the Haldi river in West Bengal, in May, 1996 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the causes of the oil leak;

(c) the extent to which this oil spill has endangered the flora and fauna of the Haldi river;

(d) whether any inquiry has been held to fix responsibility for the negligence in the matter;

(e) if so, the findings thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c). There was an incident of spillage of about 358 Kilolitres of high-speed diesel oil