

- STRATEGY :** (i) Mobilize support for tiger conservation at the political and policy making level;
- (ii) Generate Grassroots support through local communities for tiger conservation;
- (iii) Develop support mechanisms for tiger conservation.

ACTION PLAN : Implementation of this strategy will be started through a two-year Action Plan which comprises the following main activities :

1. Influence policy and decision making
2. Mobilize grassroots support in the tiger range areas.
3. Assist and strengthen enforcement measures
4. Generate greater awareness and mobilize public support.
5. Facilitate international cooperation

(c) WWF's Action Plan is for the organisation's own activities. The Govt. of India's National Tiger Action Plan envisages, inter-alia, collaborative activities with voluntary bodies and, to the extent feasible, Govt. of India is open to consider proposal for voluntary help from such bodies. The WWF's Action plan is conceptual in nature and has not indicated any specific activities for sunderbans are in West Bengal though the overall objective will cover Sunderban area also.

[Translation]

Expenditure on Goods and Passengers Transportation

3142. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current rate of freight being charged for goods and passengers transportation by railways is less than the expenditure being incurred on the operation of the trains;

(b) whether the Government have prepared a comparable account of the freight and fares as against their operational expenditure incurred in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). In respect of coaching services (including passenger and parcel etc.) the earnings per vehicle kilometre is less than the cost of operation. However, in respect of goods services the earnings per net tonne kilometre is more

than the cost of operation for the year 1994-95 the relevant figures are as under :

	Rs.
Coaching services	
Cost per vehicle Kilometre	8.52
Earnings per vehicle kilometre	6.40
Goods services	
Cost per net tonne kilometre	0.38
Earnings per net tonne kilometre	0.55

[English]

Goods and Parcels Handling Contract

3143. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the General Manager, South Eastern Railway appointed Shri H.K. Padhee as Sole Arbitrator to settle the disputes/claims relating to Goods and Parcels handling contract at Itwari and a group of other stations;

(b) the details of disputes/claims referred by the General Manager together with the break-up of amount awarded by the Arbitrator;

(c) whether the award to the arbitrator was binding on both the parties as per specific clause provided in the agreement;

(d) whether prior approval of the General manager was obtained by the Chief Commercial Manager in writing before calling the party for negotiation after publication of the award; and

(e) whether this system of holding negotiation after publication of award is still being followed in the South East Railway?

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

(b) The details of disputes/claims referred by the General Manager together with the break-up of amount awarded by the Arbitrator is as under:-

(1) Dispute/Claim referred by General Manager to Arbitrator-	Rs.
(i) Amount payable to contractor due to upward revision in casual labour rate as notified from time to time during the period from 1.2.87 to 30.4.88	4,40,221.00
(ii) Amount payable to contractor due to upward revision in casual labour rate as notified from time to time during the period 1.5.88 to 31.1.89 and further extended upto 2.8.91	18,95,878.00
(iii) Interest @ 18% p.a. on (i) & (ii) above	6,30,000.00
Total	29,66,099.00

(2) Amount awarded by the Arbitrator :-

(i) Amount payable to contractor due to upward revision in causal labour rates as notified from time to time during the period 1.2.87 to 30.4.88	3,12,762.00
(ii) Amount payable to the Contractor due to upward revision in causal labour rates as notified from time to time during the period 1.5.88 to 31.7.89 and further extended upto 2.8.91	18,95,878.00
(iii) Interest @ 18% p.a. on (i) & (ii) above	5,63,706.00
Total	27,72,346.00

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Though the specific approval of the General Manager was not taken for conducting negotiation, yet he was kept apprised of the position from time to time about the development of the case.

(e) No, Sir.

[Translation]

**Railway factories at Ajmer, Kota,
Bikaner and Jodhpur**

3144. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the allocation made in the recent railway budget for the development and maintenance of the railway factories at Ajmer, Kota, Bikaner and Jodhpur, separately;

(b) whether the infrastructural facilities required for the broad gauge conversion have been provided in all of these factories and if so, the amounts spent thereon;

(c) the nature and quantum of work, including construction, production, maintenance, denting/painting presently assigned to these railway factories, factory-wise;

(d) whether the work related to the metre gauge would also be continued to be undertaken in these factories until the gauge-conversion is completed; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The details of allocation made in Budget Estimate 1996-97 for development of Railway Workshops at Ajmer, Kota,

Jodhpur and Bikaner are given below:-

Workshop	(Rs. in crores)	
	Anticipated cost of sanctioned works	Allocation 1996-97
Ajmer (For loco and C&W shop)	11.89	4.05
Kota	7.99	2.39
Bikaner	Nil	Nil
Jodhpur	7.01	3.14

Besides above, Rs. 1.91 cr. has also been provided to Western Railway for maintenance of Workshops and Stores Buildings including the above workshops, in Budget Estimate 1996-97.

(b) Infrastructural facilities for conversion to Board Gauge have been provided in Ajmer and Jodhpur Workshops.

Kota Workshops is a Broad Gauge Workshop right from its inception.

Board Gauge facilities have not been provided in Bikaner workshop as it is catering to the remnant Metre Gauge workload.

The amount spent on conversion of Ajmer and Jodhpur workshops into Broad Gauge workshops is as under :-

Workshop	Amount spent upto March, 1996
	(Rs. in crores)
Ajmer (For loco and C&W shop)	0.60
Jodhpur	2.42

(c)

Workshop	Nature of major work	Quantum of work (Target)
Ajmer	Periodical Overhauling	BG coaches : 88 FWUs/Month
		MG wagons : 160 FWUs/Month
		MG coaches : 130 FWUs/Month
		Diesel Locos : 4 locos/Month (MG)
Kota	Periodical Overhauling	BG wagons : 950 FWS/Month
Bikaner	Periodical Overhauling	MG coaches : 50 FWUs/Month
		MG wagons : 41 FWUs/Month
Jodhpur	Periodical Overhauling	BG coaches : 27 FWUs/Month
		MG coaches : 30 FWUs/Month

These workshops also cater to spares requirement for Rolling Stock maintenance in division, such as wheels, springs, brake blocks etc.