

deaths and injuries to 808 persons and in 1986 upto 31.3.1986, 256 accidents took place in Delhi in which 15 persons were killed and 238 were injured. No separate data as available to indicate deaths of pillion riders.

(c) In view of answer (a) above the question does not arise.

Rail Overbridge at Sabarmati (Gujarat)

6936. SHRI G.I. PATEL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of acute difficulties felt by the public and industries at Sabarmati and Ranip for want of a rail overbridge at Sabarmati near Ahmedabad in Gujarat States ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide such an overbridge ; and

(c) the time by which the difficulties of the people of this area will be solved by providing an overbridge ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (c). There have been representations for provision of a foot-over bridge at Sabarmati/Ranip for use by the general public to cross the Railway tracks. As per extant rules, proposals in this regard are required to be sponsored by the concerned States Government/Local Authority with an undertaking to bear the entire initial cost. Railways on their part waive the supervision and bear the maintenance charges. Construction of this footover bridge would depend upon sponsoring of proposal by the States Government or Local Authority on this basis.

Passenger Train between India and Bangladesh

6937. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Bangladesh have made a proposal to open an old and pre-Independence E.B. Railway by connecting Siliguri and Sealdah via Haldibari, Chiliahati and Darshan Gade ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government of India have approved it ;

(c) whether a passenger train is proposed to be introduced between India and Bangladesh in the near future ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Road over-bridge on Railway Track near Kalpana Junction Raj Bhawan Road (Bhubneswar)

6938. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government are aware that due to heavy traffic the road from Kalpana Junction to Raj Bhawan at Bhubaneswar is being converted into double laning ;

(b) whether the State Government of Orissa have requested for another road overbridge over the railway track near this road ;

(c) if so, what will be its cost ; and

(d) whether the railway department has sanctioned the same ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Rs. 27.96 lakhs (approximately)

(d) Railway is undertaking this work at the request of Orissa State Government and they have deposited the cost with the Railways.

[Translation]

Linking of Khajurao with Bombay by air

6939. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have under consideration any proposal to link Khajurao with Bombay by air service ;