

(a) whether there was any fire incident in Amritsar-Barauni Express near Baarhan Station recently;

(b) if so, the main causes thereof;

(c) the number of persons killed and seriously injured in the incident; and

(d) the amount of relief given by the Government to the families of the deceased and injured persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The cause of the fire has not yet been ascertained.

(c) Nobody was killed or injured as a result of this fire incident. However, the passengers while detraaing from the ill fated coach come on the up track and were run over by a coupled engine. As a result thereof 11 persons died and 5 were injured.

(d) A sum of Rs. 24,250/- has ben paid as ex-gratia to the relatives of dead and injured persons.

Rail Link between Shahganj and Amethi

2472. SHRI ACHARYA VISHWANATH DAS SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme under the consideration of the Government to lay railway line in Eastern Uttar Pradesh from Shahganj junction to Amethi via Kadipur and Sultanpur;

(b) if so, when was the survey for the above line was conducted and the details of land acquisition process in this regard;

(c) if not, total number of new rail lines

proposed to be laid during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) whether the Government contemplates to materialise the Shahganj-methi scheme; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be taken up?

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

(b) A preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for Shahganj- Sultanpur-Amethi BG line was conducted in 1982-83. The question of land acquisition does not considered sufficient to sanction the project.

(c) Outlay for new line projects is allotted by the planning Commission annually. Accordingly, new line proposals are finalised and included annually which form part of Railway Budget Papers presented to the Parliament for approval.

(d) and (e). Do not arise in view of reply to part (b).

Railway Line from Amaravati to Narkhed

2473. SHRI TEJ SINGH RAO BHONSLE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had made an announcement some time ago in regard to laying of a railway line from Amaravati to Narkhed in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the total amount sanctioned for undertaking this work, and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be started?