

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Train Accident in Bombay

4824. SHRI MOHAN RAWLE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by the Commissioner of Railway Safety into the accident of a ladies special train at Bombay Suburban section on October 13, 1993; and

(b) the decision taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The Commissioner of Railway Safety, Central Circle conducted enquiry into the unusual occurrence involving 635 Dn. Churchgate-Virar Ladies Special on 13.10.93 on Western Railway, wherein some lady commuters jumped out of certain coaches and got run over due to misapprehension and panic created by some unidentified persons. The Commissioner of Railway Safety, in his Final Report, has not held any railway staff responsible for this occurrence. However, during the course of the inquiry, CRS has made some recommendations regarding certain local features on Western Railway. They include: (i) deputing lady constables to accompany ladies special trains, (ii) protective netting being provided on all electrical fittings, to avoid pilferage by anti-social elements, (iii) leakage in roofs of the coaches to be rectified, (iv) checking entry of hawkers in ladies special trains, (v) providing speedier emergency lighting in the coaches, (vi) improving the alarm chain apparatus, (vii) completing fire prevention measures, (viii) wider

publicity through press and other media soliciting public sympathy towards railway staff to avoid manhandling of them at accident spots, and (ix) surveying desirability of continuance of ladies special trains, etc.

(b) The railway administration has taken appropriate follow-up action on the recommendations.

Indira Gandhi International Stadium

4825. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost to be incurred on construction of the Indira Gandhi International Stadium at Cochin;

(b) whether the Central assistance is being provided for the purpose;

(c) if so, the salient features of this stadium; and

(d) the time by which the construction work of stadium is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) The Government has not received any proposal for construction of Indira Gandhi International Stadium at Cochin. However, Government of Kerala has forwarded a proposal of Greater Cochin Development Authority for construction of International stadium at Cochin at an estimated cost of Rs. 72.27 crores.