

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) The total number of villages electrified during 1990-91 was 10,214 (provisional). This was less as compared to 15,347 villages electrified during 1989-90, because the target fixed for village electrification during 1990-91 was reduced due to funds constraints and to make available more funds for energisation of pump sets.

Compensation for Missing Goods in Railways

188. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount paid by the Railways zone-wise as compensation during the last two years for the missing/lost goods ;

(b) whether any new scheme is being formulated to prevent the theft of goods ;

(c) whether wrong claims for compensation are also made ;

(d) if so, the measures taken to check them ;

(e) whether railway employees are also found involved in such cases ; and

(f) if so, how the situation is being tackled ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) The strategy to combat crime relating to theft of goods especially in crime prone areas is constantly under review and crime control measures are taken to prevent and detect crime according to the requirement of the situation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Each claim is investigated before settlement.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Railways	Total amount paid (in lacs of Rs.) for missing/lost goods	
	1988-89	1989-90
Central	88.19	66.81
Eastern	541.81	240.57
Northern	387.41	328.07
N.E.	43.77	49.31
N.F.	121.81	64.43
Southern	66.00	48.04
S.C.	38.13	29.53
S.E.	69.33	84.42
Western	213.43	132.99
Total	1569.88	1044.17