

[*Translation*]

**Loss Incurred on Delhi Ring Railway**

134. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total investment made by Government in introducing ring Railway in Delhi;

(b) since when it has been operating and the total loss incurred by the Railways on its operation; and

(c) the reasons for the loss ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Rs. 31.81 crores upto January, 1985.

(b) and (c). Services on the Ring Railway were commenced on 15.8.1982.

No separate accounts are maintained in respect of expenditure incurred and revenue earned on Delhi Ring Railway which is a section of the Northern Railway System.

[*English*]

**Expansion of Howrah Platforms**

135. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing Howrah Station platforms are not sufficient enough to provide necessary amenities and traffic operations of S. E. Railway, Eastern Railway the EMU trains of suburban passengers;

(b) if so, whether a total expansion of the platforms and the size of the present station complex is necessary; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (c). The question of augmentation of terminal facilities at Howrah Station is under consideration. It

is proposed to carry out a survey to formulate the proposals.

**Derailment of 14 Dn. Sealdah-Delhi Express.**

136. SHRI M. MAHJOZ ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of persons were killed when some bogies of 14 Dn-Sealdah-Delhi Express were derailed near Sultan-ganj on the Eastern Railway in the first week of February, 1985;

(b) if so, details thereof stating the number of persons killed therein;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted; and

(d) if so, outcome thereof and the action taken by Government thereon ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The commissioner of Railway Safety, Eastern Circle, has inquired into this accident and submitted his Preliminary Report. The accident is attributed to rail fracture. Renewal of track and ultrasonic testing of rails in this area are being stepped up.

**Affairs of North-Eastern Hill University**

137. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has had visited Shillong on February, 27;

(b) whether he has had the opportunity of looking into the affairs of the North-Eastern Hill University ;

(c) whether the affairs of the University went so bad that the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University was murdered; and