

**Loss to Railways in Freight Traffic**

**415. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the 'Economic Times' dated 28 June, 1985 that poor offerings by the steel and coal sectors in the first two months of the current financial year has resulted in a loss to railways of 1.26 million tonnes of freight traffic; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the targets fixed for the current financial year and how far there is possibility to achieve its objects ?

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

(b) For the current financial year 1985-86 the target for revenue earning freight traffic has been fixed at 250 million tonnes. Despite the shortfall in offering of traffic from the core sector during the first quarter, Railways are trying to achieve the target.

**Bankura-Damodar Rail Line**

**416 SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether West Bengal Government have sent any proposal for the development of Bankura-Damodar Railway line; and

(b) if so, at what stage the proposal is lying at present ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) :** (a) Yes, Sir. West Bengal Government in their Memorandum given to Railway Convention Committee (1980) suggested conversion of Narrow Gauge line from Bankura to Rainagar (Bankura-Damodar River Railway) into Broad Gauge.

(b) The proposal has not been accepted.

**Collision between Truck and Goods Train at Unmanned Level Crossing between Quasimpur Khore and Baraut Railway stations**

**417. DR. T. KALPANA DEVI :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a collision between a truck carrying a marriage party and a goods train on 25-6 1985 evening at an unmanned level crossing between Quasimpur Khore and Baraut Railway Stations in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed and injured as a result thereof;

(c) whether earlier also accidents have taken place at this very crossing;

(d) if so, details of such accidents during the last 3 years and the number of persons killed and injured in those accidents; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to prevent accidents at that level crossing ?

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

(b) Five persons were killed and 32 injured

(c) and (d) During the last three years only one accident took place at this level crossing on 9-2-1985 when a bus collided with a Goods train. In that accident the bus conductor sustained simple injuries.

(e) This is an unmanned level crossing. Proper visibility for engine Driver and the road user has been ensured. Whistle boards are provided. A census of the traffic at this level crossing was conducted in the first week of April 1985. According to the census, this level crossing did not justify manning. Commissioner of Railway Safety also inspected the level crossing on 3-7-1985.

**Difficulties in Getting Admissions in Delhi University**

**418. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTAIAK :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any assessment regarding the number of students who are seeking admission in Delhi University to undergraduate courses ; and

(b) the facilities extended by Government for the admission of the students ?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION : (SHRI K. C. PANT) :** (a) and (b) Yes,