

1	2
Waiting room combined for gents and ladies ..	1 No.
Platform ..	1 No.
Water tap ..	4 Nos.
Water cage ..	1 No.
Urinal ..	1 No.
Tea Stall ..	1 No.
Shady Trees ..	3 Nos.
Station building is electrified.	

The passenger amenities provided at these stations are considered adequate keeping in view the volume of passenger traffic.

[English]

Under-Utilisation of funds at Calcutta Ports

3594. SHRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA :

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether under-utilisation of funds has hit hard Calcutta Port ;

(b) if so, the reasons for such under-utilisation of funds ;

(c) whether major ports in other States have also faced the same situation ; and

(d) whether any directive has been issued to the State Governments or Major Port Trusts to utilise the funds provided in the Seventh Plan for the improvement of the ports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANS-

PORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) The Calcutta Port Trust utilised more than 70% of the outlay provided for its plan schemes during the Sixth Five Year Plan. However, this did not seriously affect port operations.

(b) The shortfall in expenditure was mainly due to delay in completion of various schemes caused by failure on the part of contractors/suppliers to complete the works/supply as per schedule, non-availability of vital construction materials like steel, cement etc., long time taken to procure imported items and industrial relation problems including one month long All India Major Port Trusts Strike in 1984.

(c) The percentage utilisation of funds in the case of major ports in other States was 80% and above, except in Bombay where the percentage utilisation was 60% and no Government assistance was contemplated. In some Ports like Mormugao and Paradip, the percentage utilisation was over 100%.

(d) The Major Port Trusts have already been advised to utilise the funds provided in plan fully. The question of issuing any directive to the State Governments does not arise.

Device to check train mishaps

3595. SHRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA :

SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways are introducing a device to check train mishaps ;

(b) whether the device has been developed and designed by the Research, Designs and Standards Organisation in collaboration with the Bharat Electronics Ltd., Ghaziabad to prevent derailments and accidents ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and