

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

(d) the routes/Zones where the device is being introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(i) Indian Railways have a proposal for the introduction of Last Vehicle Check Device ;

(ii) Indian Railways are also examining the feasibility for the introduction of Hot Box Detector.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) (i) *Last Vehicle Check Device*

It is a device which enables automatic detection of the last vehicle's arrival without depending on human agency. It works on the principle of interaction between a moving permanent magnet on the vehicle with the ground detector. Indication panels are provided at the station to indicate the position of the train and its safe arrival and clearance.

(ii) *Hot Box Detector*

It is a device which detects the temperature rise at the axle box beyond a safe limit and gives immediate advice to the station master $1\frac{1}{2}$ kms., from the location. This will enable the detachment of the hot axle wagon and avoid any derailment in mid-section.

(d) (i) *Last Vehicle Check Device* :

Field trials are proposed to be conducted on Saharanpur-Meerut-Ghaziabad section of Northern Railway.

(ii) *Hot Box Detector* :

Under Consideration.

Guidelines for choosing languages of books published by Children Book Trust

3596. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the languages in which Children Book Trust, New Delhi publishes books ;

(b) whether there are any guidelines given by Government to the Trust in the matter of choosing languages for the purpose of publication of books ; and

(c) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) to (c). Since the Children Book Trust is a private organisation the question of issuing guidelines by the Government to the Trust does not arise. As per the informations available with the Government the Children Book Trust publishes Children books mainly in English and Hindi. However, the Trust have also brought out a few titles in Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada and Punjabi.

Decline in Indian shipping

3597. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian shipping which had been showing a steady growth every year has registered a decline during 1985 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the total percentage of decline ;

(c) the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to improve the performance of the Indian shipping ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Indian shipping tonnage which