

(c) Does not arise.

**Participation of artists from Patiala
in Apna Utsav**

3441. SHRI BALWANT SINGH
RAMOOWALIA :
SHRI TEJA SINGH DARDI :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-
SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to
state :

(a) whether some artists from North
Zone Cultural Centre, Patiala participated
in 'Apna Utsav' held in Delhi last year;

(b) if so, the number of artists selected
by this Centre;

(c) whether all those artists took part
in this festival; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-
SOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA
RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 560.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

**Goods train without a driver and
guard**

3442. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE
PATIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
be pleased to state :

(a) whether on 25 December, 1986 a
goods train loaded with ironore traveller
for about 30 Kilometres and shot past three
stations-Dalli Rajhara, Gusum and Balod,
without driver and the guard;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been
conducted into this incident;

(c) if so, the details of the inquiry
report; and

(d) the action taken against those found
responsible if any, for this incident ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) On
24.12.86, a load of iron-ore wagons rolled
down while being drawn from Rajhara siding
as the driver who was on the engine failed
to keep the load under control. The guard
was to take over the train from Dalli
Rajhara Station.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The driver started the load
without ensuring adequate brake power.
The driver was placed under suspension
and disciplinary action against him has been
initiated.

**Consensus on water rates for
Irrigation**

3443. SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJU :
SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA :
SHRIMATI BASAVA-
RAJESWARI :

Will the Minister of WATER RE-
SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have
decided to make another attempt to evolve a
consensus amongst States on increasing
charges of water supply for irrigation; if so,
the outcome thereof:

(b) whether the National Water Re-
sources Council met in October, 1985 and
again in February, 1987 to discuss certain
issues in this regard;

(c) if so, whether any final agreement
has been reached; and

(d) if not, the main reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-
SOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :
(a) The National Conference of Irrigation
and Water Resources Ministers held in
July, 1986 was of the view that the water
rates need to be increased gradually taking
into consideration the rising capital, opera-
tion and maintenance costs,