

Statement-II

Railways	Details of pending claims cases at the end of March 1985.				
	Over 42 day	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 12 months	Over 1 year
Central	1830	1439	609	72	16
Eastern	22408	14512	13045	4902	3658
Northern	4689	4238	1754	883	307
N.E.	665	488	238	131	52
N.F.	6116	3864	1789	1186	1242
Southern	1508	1177	484	267	62
S. C.	205	96	66	27	16
S. E.	2082	4090	1744	645	36
Western	2987	640	729	893	903
TOTAL	42490	30544	20458	9006	6292

Prevention of accidents on Bikaner Metre Gauge line

1508. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Bikaner metre gauge per bhi rail durghatna ho sakti hai" (Railway accident can take place on Bikaner metre gauge also) appearing in daily Jansatta dated 15 June, 1985 pointing out to the possibility of rail accident owing to obsolete track ; and

(b) if so, the remedial action taken to prevent accidents on this line ?

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

(b) Action is being continuously taken to ensure adequate maintenance of Track and safety. Effort is also being made to prevent trespassing between Bikaner-Lalgarh, which tends to disturb ballast. More over the section between Hanumangarh -Suratgarh has already been converted to Broad Gauge and section from Suratgarh to Lalgarh/Bikaner is sanctioned for conversion and work is in progress.

[English]

Replacement of Engine of Purulia Express

1509. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Purulia Express which is running between Howrah and Purulia daily may stop any time because of its old engine and bogies ;

(b) whether the same engine is continuously hauling the train without any rest since it first started ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) whether Government propose to replace it with another engine to run the train smoothly ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Purulia Express running between Howrah and Purulia has got a special rake having a distinctive colour scheme. This rake is being hauled by a comparatively new diesel locomotive. The locomotive as well as bogies are getting regular maintenance,

(c) and (d) In view of the reply to (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.

[*Translation*]

**Central School at Mirthi District
Pithoragarh (U. P.)**

1510. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a Central School at Mirthi (Didihar) in Pithoragarh district in Uttar Pradesh during 1985-86 ; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Proposals for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya (Central School) are considered by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan when received from an appropriate sponsoring authority in the prescribed manner and requisite physical facilities like land, temporary accommodation to house the classes, etc. etc., are made available. No such proposal in respect of Mirthi (Didihar), Pithoragarh District, Uttar Pradesh has been received by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

**A.C./First Class and Second Class Sleeper
Coaches in 7/8 Nainital Express**

1511. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the trains running between Lucknow and Kathgodam are being used by tourists also ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to attach A. C. First Class and Second Class Sleeper coaches in 7Up and 8 Down Nainital Express trains running between Lucknow and Kathgodam stations ; and

(c) if so, the time by which this facility is likely to be provided in these trains ?

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

(b) At present, one partial A. C. First Class, two First Class coaches, one composite First-Cum-Second Class coach are already running in 7Up/8Dn. Lucknow-Kathgodam Nainital Express alongwith nine Second Class 3-tier Sleeper coaches. First-Cum-Second Class and two Second Class sleeper coaches are also provided during Summer rush in case traffic justifies.

(c) does not arise.

National Loan Scholarship Scheme

1512. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the objects of "National Loan Scholarship Scheme" and since when it was started and the amount distributed during the Sixth Five Year Plan ;

(b) whether the amount distributed among the students as scholarship loans has also been recovered ;

(c) whether this scholarship was granted mainly to the students of urban areas and that too to the wards of Government employees only or it was also paid to the children of non-Government employees ; and

(d) if so, the percentage of amount paid to the children of Government employees and to the children of non-Government employees separately ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) The object of "National Loan Scholarship Scheme" is to provide financial assistance to meritorious students without adequate means so as to enable them to complete their education.

The scheme was initiated in 1963-64 and is implemented through State Governments and Union Territories. The total amount released to the State Governments for disbursement of loan scholarships to students during the Sixth Five Year Plan was Rs. 1524.85 lakhs.

(b) The recovery of loans advanced to students is made in instalments after it becomes due. Students who join the teaching profession and defence services are exempt from payment.