

The payment of compensation to victims of train accidents is governed by the provisions contained in Sections 82A to 82J of the Indian Railways Act, 1890 and the Railway Accidents (Compensation) Rules, 1950 framed under Section 82J of the Act. The accidents at level crossing gates with road vehicles etc. in which railway passengers are not involved, are not covered under these provisions. As such, no compensation is payable under the Indian Railways Act, 1890, to persons killed or injured in level crossing accidents, collision with road vehicles etc. The victims of such accidents or their dependents claim relief under the Law of Torts and the compensation is paid when so decreed by the Court if any contributory negligence is proved on the part of the Railway Administration or any of its staff. However, token *ex-gratia* payments are made to victims of such accidents by Railway Administrations.

(c) Does not arise.

Uneconomic Routes

8613. SHRI K. S. VEERABHADRAPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some routes which are being run at present on uneconomic routes and if so, what are the names of such routes;

(b) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration to make the running of these trains economically viable; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) On the Indian Railways, there are 126 branch lines which were found uneconomic during the year 1977-78 (list attached).

(b) and (c). The Railways are making all out efforts to make uneconomic branch lines economically viable. Some of the important measures taken by the Railways in this regard are:

1. Intensive checks to curb ticketless travel and alarm chain pulling;

2. Special arrangements for clearance of mela traffic;

3. Cancellation of trains which are poorly patronised;

4. Replacement of passenger and goods trains by mixed trains;

5. Closure of unremunerative stations/halts or their conversion into contractor-operated train halts;

6. Introduction of only one engine system;

7. Running of trains during day light only;

8. Personalised vigorous canvassing for traffic;

9. Close watch on loading, unloading and transit of wagoons;

10. Economy in staff, fuel consumption and maintenance, consistent with operational and statutory needs; etc.

Statement**List of Uneconomic Branch Lines in 1977-78****Central Railway**

Ait—Kunch
Panvel—Apte
Gwalior—Sheopur Kalan
Neral—Matheran

Eastern Railway

Barasat—Hasanabad
Bakhtiyar Pur—Rajgir
Shantipur—Nabadwipghat
Dildarnagar—Tarighat
Ikra—Gaurandi
Bhimgarh—Palasthali
Burdwan—Katwa

Northern Railway

Kalka—Simla
Barhan—Etah
Rohtak—Gohana
Akbarpur—Tanda
Batala—Qadian
Garhi Harsaru—Farukhnagar
Piper Road—Bilara
Verka—Dera Baba Nanak
Makrana—Parbatsar
Samadari—Munabao
Balotra—Pachpadra
Tilwara—Tilwara Fair
Phagwara—Jaijon Doaba
Rattangarh—Sardar Shahi
Pathankot—Joginder Nagar
Lalgarh—Kolayiat
Pokran—Jaisalmer
Raja-ka-Sahaspur—Sambhal
Hattam Sarai

North Eastern Railway

Mathura Rd.—Vridavar
Madhosing—Mirzapurghat
Banmakhi—Behariganj

N. E. Railway—(Contd.)

Sahebpur—Kamal—Monghyrghat
Sakri Jn.—Jayanagar
Narkatiaganj—Bagha
Narkatiaganj—Bhikhana Thori
Kaptanganj—Chhitauni
Duraundha—Maharajganj
Salempur—Barhajbazar
Indara—Dohrighat
Mankapur—Katra
Gainsari—Jarwa
Dudwa—Gauriphanta
Dudwa—Chandan Chauki
Shahbaznagar—Keruganj
Kashipur—Ramnagar
Mandhana—Brahmavart

Northeast Frontier Railway

Darjeeling—Himalayan
Alipurduar Jn.—New Gitaldaha—
Bamanhat
Simaluguri—Naginimora
Makum—Dangari
Lataguri—Ramshai
New Mal—Changrabandha
Katihar—Kumedpur
Tezapore—Rangapara North
Baraigram—Dullabcherra
Katihar—Maniharighat
Barsoi—Radhikapur
Katihar—Jogbani
Fakiragram—Dhubri
Singhabad—Old Malda
Rajbhatkhawa—Jainti
Karimganj—Maishashan

Southern Railway

Shoranur—Nilambur
 Tiruturaipondi—Point Calimera
 Mettupalaiyan—Ootacamund
 Madurai—Bodinayakkanur
 Chikjajur—Chitradurg
 Nanjangud—Chamrajanagar
 Bangalore City—Bangarapet
 Nidamangalam—Mannargudi
 Peralam—Karaikal
 Mayuram—Tranquebar
 Tirunelveli—Tiruchendur
 Sagar—Talaguppa

South Central Railway

Gudivada—Machilipatnam
 Bellary—Rayadrug
 Mudkhed—Adilabad

South Eastern Railway

Naupada—Gunupur
 Rupsa—Talband
 Satpura Railways
 Purulia—Kotshila—Ranchi—
 Lohardaga
 Raipur—Dhamtari
 Khurda Road—Puri
 Tatanagar—Badampahar
 Kanhan—Ramtek
 Tumsar Road—Tirodi
 Champa—Korba

Western Railway

Chhuchhapura—Tenkhala
 Kosamba—Umarpada
 Jhagadia—Netrang
 Choranda—Motikoral
 Sammi—Dahej

Western Railway (Contd.)

Godhra—Lunavada
 Piplod—Devgadh Barya
 Jorawarnagar—Sayla
 Champaner—Shivrajpur—Pani Mines
 Dabhoi—Timba Road
 Bharuch—Jambusar—Kavi
 Chhota Udepur—Jambusar
 Ankleshwar—Rajpipla
 Chandod—Malsar
 Nadiad—Kapadvanj
 Bilimora—Waghai
 Nadiad—Bhadran
 Morbi—Ghantila
 Bhavnagar—Talaja—Mahuva
 Than—Chotila
 Botad—Jasdan
 Gandhidham—New Kandla
 Prachi Road—Kodidar
 Talala—Delvada
 Hadmatiya—Jodiya
 Ningala—Gadhada Swaminarayan
 Sanganer Town—Toda Raising
 Mavli Jn.—Barisadri
 Chanasma—Harij
 Ranuj—Metrana Road
 Mahesana—Taranga Hill
 Himatnagar—Khed Brahma
 Sihor—Palitana
 Dungar Jn.—Victor
 Shapur—Saradiya
 Kunkavav—Bagasra
 Boriyavi—Vadtal Swaminarayan
 Anand—Cambay