

(c) the dates by which these projects had to be completed;

(d) the dates when extension in time and extension in amount involved was sanctioned from time to time; and

(e) the causes which hindered the implementation of the projects within time and what steps were taken by Government to ensure the completion of these projects in time.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1672/80].

**Steps to ensure safe Travel by Railways and reasons for Accidents**

4417. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the recent incidents of accidents on Railways, the Government have reached a conclusion that most of the accidents were due to human failure; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take against the persons so responsible and ensure safe travel by railways?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Human failure has all through been the largest single factor responsible for accidents.

(b) Necessary disciplinary action has been initiated against the staff held responsible for accidents. Since failure of railway staff is the largest single factor responsible for accidents, Safety Organisations on the Railways have been engaged in a relentless campaign to create greater safety consciousness amongst the staff con-

nected with running of trains and to ensure that staff do not violate rules or indulge in short-cut methods that may lead to accidents.

Examination of trains and spot checks in carriage and wagon depots have been intensified. Instructions regarding proper maintenance of track have been reiterated. In order to reduce dependence on human element sophisticated aids like ultrasonic flaw detectors for wheels, axles, and rails, axle counters, track circuiting etc. are being introduced progressively.

High level task teams have also been set up on the Railways to review the position of accidents and take immediate remedial measures.

**Link Station on Shornoor**

4418. SHRI A. K. BALAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received regarding the link station in Shornoor; and

(b) if so, the details thereof.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Representations for construction of a halt/mini station near Shornoor link were received. The proposals were examined and were not found justified.

**Book and D.T.C. Routes**

4419. SHRI CHARANJIT LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to print book on D.T.C. routes with a view to provide the citizens with complete information in a consolidated form about routes on which the DTC operates its buses; and