

Statement-II

Cancellation of Passengers and Goods Trains on Railways due to Coal Shortage

	Maximum No. of Passenger trains cancelled (in pairs)				Total No. of Goods trains cancelled			
	1978	1979	1980	1981 upto (Aug.)	1978	1979	1980	1981 (upto Aug.)
Central	Nil	17	—	3	—	157	142	88
Eastern	6	52.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern	97.5	81	42	56	1764	5899	1868	876
N. Eastern	51	41.5	13	32	979	873	725	289
N. Frontier	3	1	—	2	13	34	22	14
Southern	87.5	108	43	93	7690	16652	10212	4719
S. Central	37	36	11.5	72	2136	1606	1979	185
S. Eastern	9	6	—	1	—	—	—	—
Western	24	49	60	93	1356	12157	7795	1151

Land Adjacent to Jalpaiguri Station

2701 : SHRI SUBODH SEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations from the Chairman Siliguri-Jalpaiguri Development Authority (West Bengal) for the relinquishment of piece of land adjacent to Jalpaiguri station (N. F. Railways) for developing a shopping complex there; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) yes.

(b) The land asked for by the State Government is adjoining Railway Station and includes Station Master's quarter. The question of its relinquishment is under examination.

Railway Stations in South

2702. SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) is it true that the railway stations in South are poorly maintained even though the traffic and revenue have increased considerably; and

(b) if so, new facilities mooted ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise. However, improvement/augmentation of existing facilities are done on a programmed basis in consultation with Railway Users' Amenities Committee and in accordance with availability of funds and is a continuous process, e.g. of Southern Railway improvement/remodelling of station buildings are in progress on 19 stations and platform/platform shelters are being extended at 7 stations.