

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Please listen to the reply given by the hon. Minister. How can you get the reply if you go on speaking like this? ...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT : Mr Speaker, Sir, I through you, would like to state that the criteria fixed for giving compensation to the farmers for the damage suffered by them due to natural calamities like flood, drought or other reasons are very old. The Government gives compensation between Rs 1500-2500 to farmers, as per old norms despite losses worth lakhs of rupees suffered by them. Whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of compensation and if not the reasons therefor? In cities the Traders are paid compensation ranging from Rs 5-10 lakhs for the damage suffered by them but the farmers are paid the compensations on old norms

[English]

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Mr Speaker, Sir, this question is related to crop insurance. Time should be given for that. Only then I can explain it. I think in the coming discussion I will take up this matter ...*(Interruptions)*

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Introduction of New Trains

*85. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the routes on which new trains are proposed to be introduced during the current year, and

(b) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) These form part of the budget proposals

Railways zone	91-92 Kms	92-93 Kms	93-94 Kms	94-95 Kms	95-96 Kms
Central	-	-	42	-	28
Eastern	-	-	-	-	-
Northern	-	446	436	452	21
North Eastern	21	68	220	129	208
Northeast Frontier	-	-	181	43	115
Southern	-	405	263	270	92
South Central	114	227	332	530	294
South Eastern	-	35	82	23	-
Western	-	170	63	358	-
Total	135	1351	1619	1805	758

[English]

Length of Metre Gauge Line

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SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) length of metre gauge lines which existed in India five years back, Zone-wise

(b) progress made during these five years in conversion of the metre gauge lines to broad gauge, Zone-wise, and

(c) the time by which the aim of having only one standard broad gauge line throughout the country is expected to be fulfilled to enable the speedier movement of passenger and goods traffic?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) The length of metre gauge lines on Indian Railways five years back (as on 31.3.1991), Zone-wise was as under:

Zonal Railway	Metre gauge route Kms as on 31.3.91
Central	-
Eastern	-
Northern	3,033
North Eastern	4,092
Northeast Frontier	2,998
Southern	4,333
South Central	3,572
South Eastern	-
Western	5,391
Total	23,419

(b) The progress made in conversion of MG into BG since 01.4.91 upto 31.03.96 zone-wise is as under: