

- (viii) Whistle boards/speed breakers and road signs have been provided at unmanned level crossings and visibility for drivers has been improved.
- (ix) Audio-Visual publicity campaigns to educate road users on how to make a safe crossing are conducted.
- (x) Steps have been taken to prevent inflammable and explosive materials from being carried in passenger trains.
- (xi) Training facilities for drivers, guards and staff connected with train operation have been modernised including use of Simulators for training of drivers.
- (xii) Refresher courses are regularly organised at specified intervals.
- (xiii) Performance of the staff connected with train operation is being constantly monitored and those found deficient are sent for crash training.
- (xiv) Periodical safety drives are conducted to inculcate safety consciousness among the staff.

Outlay of Department of Posts

1938. SHRI DINSHA PATEL :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the approved outlay in respect of Deptt. of Post was far less than the outlay proposed by the Deptt. of Post during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the schemes suffered due to curtailment/reduced outlay during the period with specific reference to the schemes pertaining to Gujarat State?

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Approved outlay in respect of Department of Post for the last three years of the 8th Plan was less than outlay proposed by the Department, as seen from details below:-

Year	Proposed Outlay	Approved Outlay
	(Rs. Cr.)	(Rs. Cr.)
1993-94	84.93	67.17
1994-95	119.00	92.00
1995-96	150.96	85.00

(c) 17 Building Projects in Gujarat Circle suffered due to less allotment as per details below :-

Year	Demand	Allotment
	(Rs.)	(Rs.)
1993-94	5,84,20,000	4,32,35,000
1994-95	6,67,55,000	5,17,70,000
1995-96	4,02,74,000	3,45,74,000

Selling of Surplus Railway Land

1939. SHRI SATYAJITSINH D. GAEKWAD :
SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the surplus railway land sold during the last three years and as on date;

(b) the amount earned therefrom, zone-wise;

(c) the purpose for which this money has since been spent; and

(d) the surplus railway land proposed to be sold during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Nil, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Construction of over Bridge at Ranchi

1940. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Members of Parliament have requested the Government for construction of over-bridge at Ranchi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). The system of replacing busy level crossings by Road Over/Under bridges is that State Govts. make proposals giving priorities. Railway then consider such of them for inclusion in Works Programme for which the State Govt. have completed the pre-requisite preliminary formalities.

Payment of Compensation

1941. DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the amount of compensation paid to Kith and Kin of the persons killed/injured due to train accidents during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : An amount of Rs.8.91 Crores has been paid to the Kith and Kin of the persons killed/injured in train accidents during the last three years.

Flight from Delhi to Rajkot and Ahmedabad

1942. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in Saurashtra region of Gujarat, there is only one Airport, i.e.: Rajkot;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan to introduce flight from Delhi to Rajkot and Ahmedabad and vice-versa;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir. There are four airports belonging to Airports Authority of India in the Saurashtra region of Gujarat located at Bhavnagar, Keshod, Porbandar, Rajkot and one civil enclave at Jamnagar.

(b) to (d). NEPC Airlines is operating a daily flight on sector Delhi-Rajkot via Mumbai. Delhi is airlinked with Ahmedabad with two daily flights by Indian Airlines and one daily flight by jet Airways direct between Delhi and Ahmedabad and three weekly flights by Indian Airlines via Jaipur.

[Translation]

Abolition of Contract System

1943. SHRI N.J. RATHVA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to abolish contract system for cleanliness at various railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such railway stations, location-wise in the country, particularly in Western Railway;

(c) whether the Government have made any alternative arrangement for cleanliness at these railway stations or considering any proposal to appoint scavengers at these railway stations;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the names of railway stations where permanent/temporary scavengers are appointed; and

(e) the details of progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). A Statement is attached.

(c) to (e). Railways propose to undertake cleanliness of stations departmentally. For this, various

steps like filling up of vacancies of safaiwalas, introduction of "Pay & Use" toilets Scheme, use of modern equipments, etc. will be undertaken.

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As on 1.12.96 at 96 stations, cleanliness work had been entrusted to private parties. Of these, 24 stations are on Western Railway, the names of which are as under:-

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| 1. Surat | 13. Bandra Terminus |
| 2. Vikramgarh Alot | 14. Ramganj Mandi |
| 3. Bhawani Mandi | 14. Morak |
| 4. Lakheri | 15. Indergarh |
| 5. Gangapur City | 16. Kota Jn |
| 6. Shri Mahavirji | 17. Hindaun City |
| 7. Bayana | 18. Fatehpur Sikri |
| 8. Anta | 19. Dahid |
| 9. Thalera | 20. Jalindri |
| 10. Upramal | 21. Shampur |
| 11. Mandalgarh | 22. Baraundri |
| 12. Parsoli | 24. Bassi-Berissal |

The contracts will not be renewed after their expiry.

[English]

Modernisation of Exchanges in Gujarat/Maharashtra

1944. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Electronic/electro-mechanical Exchanges set up, so far in the country, State-wise, particularly in Gujarat and Maharashtra district-wise, exchange-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up such new Exchanges during 1996-97 and 1997-98; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Mica Reserves in Bihar

1945. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of mica reserves in Bihar, location-wise;