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12.	Jhagdia-Natrang	27.21 (NG)	Being restored
13.	Chhota Udaipur-Bodeli	36.15 (NG)	Being restored
14.	Dabhoi-Timba Road	100.38 (NG)	Being restored
15.	Champarner-Pani Mines	49.14 (NG)	Being restored
16.	Godhra-Lunavada	40.63 (NG)	Being restored
17.	Mehesana-Ranuj	26.37 (MG)	Being restored
18.	Bankura-Rainagar (BDR)	96.00 (NG)	Lying unused

(c)

[English]

- Restoration works in Tindharia-Kurseong and Monihari-Teznaryanapur has been taken up to repair the track.
- The work of gauge conversion of Bankura-Rainagar section has been sanctioned in the works programme of 1998-99 at an estimated cost of 100 crores.

The following sections are being restored. Necessary repairs to bridges and some new construction have been taken up on these sections:

- Kosamba-Umarpada
- Ankleshwar-Jhagdia-Rajpipla
- Jhagdia-Natrang
- Chhota Udaipur-Bodeli
- Dabhoi-Timba Road

Raising of Platforms Level

472. SHRI BIKASH CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to raise the level of all platforms and to increase the length of platforms at Asansol Railway Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) All the six platforms at Asansol station are high level and are of adequate length.

Setting up of Railway Manufacturing Units in Kerala

473. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Railway manufacturing units located in Kerala;

(b) whether the Government propose to set-up any more Railway manufacturing unit in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details alongwith the locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) :

(a) There is no Railway manufacturing unit located in Kerala.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of Second Railway Line between Rahama and Paradip

474. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had a proposal to construct the second railway line between Rahama and Paradip in Orissa;

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof;

(c) the fund sanctioned by the Government for the purpose; and

(d) the time by which the construction work is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 3735 lakh.

(c) Rs. 901 lakh have been provided so far.

(d) Tenders for earthwork and minor bridge-works are under finalisation and the work will be started shortly. The work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

Accident at Kailash-Mansarovar

475. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilgrims/tourists died due to land-slide on their way to Kailash-Mansarovar last year;

(b) the number of bodies recovered and the number of bodies could not be located;

(c) the compensation paid to the next kith and kin of the pilgrims;

(d) whether the pilgrims were cautioned of the danger before they started their journey;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) the details of the relief and compensation provided to the injured persons; and

(g) the steps taken to avoid such incidents in future and specific precautionary plan drawn up for 1999?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG) : (a) 205 persons died due to land-slide on their way to Kailash-Mansarovar.

(b) Figures provided by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh put the casualties in the Malpa tragedy at 205 including the 60 yatis of the 12th batch. Only 46 bodies were recovered from the debris. of these nine were identified as belonging to yatis of the 12th batch.

(c) and (f) Search and rescue operations were carried out by the district administration, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, the Army and the Air Force which provided air support during the operations. An ex-gratia payment of Rs. 50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand) was announced for every victim of the tragedy from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund. The Uttar Pradesh Government announced ex-gratia payment of Rs. 1.00 lakh. (Rupees one lakh) for every