

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the preventive measures taken/proposed to be taken to check such recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (f). The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime in the trains is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police (G R P.) which functions under the control of respective State Governments/UT Administrations. Information relating to train-wise lootings, FIRs lodged at local levels and other crimes is not maintained by the Central Government.

[Translation]

Quantum of Scrap

733 SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT
SHRI DATTA MEGHE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) The quantum of scarp sold by Railways during the year 1995-96; and

(b) The amount earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The quantum of scarp sold by the Railways during the year 1995-96 is given below :

(1) Rails & Ferrous Scrap(MTs)	10,05,343
(2) Non-Ferrous Scrap(MTs)	8287
(3) Coaches (Units)	2450
(4) Locos (Units)	349
(5) Wagons (Units)	21886
(6) Micellaneous Scrap (MTs)	12,709

(b) The amount earned therefrom was Rs 1018.10 Crores

STD Facility

734 SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce STD facility in the long distance trains;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

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

(b) A pilot scheme to provide satellite based telephone services was started in New Delhi-Mumbai Rajdhani Express and broad Gauge 'Palace on Wheels' trains jointly with Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd (VSNL) and INMARSAT organisation. The trains have since been completed and are successful.

(c) The service for use of travelling passengers is being contemplated as a pilot scheme in the New Delhi-Mumbai Rajdhani Express after finalisation of logistics and tariffs. This service will, later on, be extended to other important mail/express trains depending on success and popularity of this scheme.

Extension of Awantika Express

735. DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend Awantika Express running between Ujjain and Banda upto Mumbai Central; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). The issue relating to extension of 2961/2962 Indore-Bandra Avantika Express upto Mumbai Central is sub-judice in the Supreme Court.

[English]

Fertilizer Units in Orissa

736. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) the number of fertilizer units setup in Orissa during the last two years;

(b) the number of units out of them that have started functioning; and

(c) the number of such units in which production is likely to be started during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (c) No fertilizer unit was set up in Orissa during the last two years.

[Translation]

Shahganj and Mau Line

737. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the metre gauge line between Shahganj and Mau railway stations of Uttar Pradesh is likely to be converted into broad gauge.

- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
 (c) the time by which this conversion would be completed;
 (d) the total funds allocated for the purpose; and
 (e) the total amount spent so far?

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

(b) to (e) The cost of the 99 kms line is Rs. 43.93 crores. The work will be completed before the end of November 96. Full requirement of funds will be made available this year.

[English]

Water Logging in Howrah Division

738 SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether water logging in some Railway Station in the Howrah-Bandel Section of the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway hampered the movement of Trains in this area.

(b) if so, the steps taken to control the situation.

(c) whether the work started for letting out water from Bandel Bazarpara Subway was left unfinished, and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Train movement is occasionally hampered in instances of intense rainfall/flooding near Howrah Car Shed within Howrah Yard

(b) In such abnormal situations the water is pumped out for removing water logging and allow easy movement of trains

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Porters in Unreserved Coaches

739 SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI -
 SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the porters on railway stations occupy seats in the unreserved coaches and extort money from the passengers in lieu of seats;

(b) if so, the name of such stations wherefrom such complaints have been received alongwith the number of the complaints; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against the porters?

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

(b) During the last one year, a total of 13 complaints were received against licensed porters of Mumbai Chatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Mumbai Central, Bandra Terminus, Howrah, Delhi Jn., Madras Central & Madras Egmore stations

(c) Apart from investigating the complaints, checks are also conducted by the railways and the licence badges of licensed porters found indulging in irregular activities are suspended

Patna to Gaya Line

740 SHRI VIRENDER KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to double the railway line from Patna to Gaya.

(b) whether the Gaya bound passengers from Patna face lots of difficulties due to single railway line between Gaya and Patna; and

(c) if so, the time by which Patna-Gaya railway line is proposed to be doubled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. Patch doubling is planned on the section to ensure the traffic flow

(b) There are some delays due to crossing of trains on single line section

(c) The section being taken up would be completed during the 9th Five Year Plan

[English]

Escaping of Terrorists

741 SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether terrorists and anti-social elements have escaped who were arrested had escaped between January 1, 1996 to June 30, 1996 in the country

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise.

(c) the action taken against each of them, case-wise.

(d) the concrete steps taken or being taken to check such activities of terrorists and I.S.I.

(e) whether some suggestions or memorandum etc have been received by the Government from the public, legal bodies and political parties in this regard, and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?