

(c) and (d) Since the employees of Doordarshan and All India Radio have not been formally transferred to Prasar Bharati as per the provisions of the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990, they still continue to be Government servants and, therefore, are still governed by the pay scales applicable to them unless there are any special circumstances in which Government have agreed for a deviation from the same.

Doubling of Bandel-Katwa Railway Line

1252. SHRI MAHBOOB ZAHEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey work for doubling of Bandel-Katwa railway line is expeditiously done;

(b) whether the Government propose to start doubling work of above line immediately after completion of the survey; and

(c) if so, the time by which it 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) to (c) A survey has been taken up. Further consideration of the project will be possible once the survey report becomes available.

Window Panes in EMU Trains

1253. SHRI SURESH WARPUDKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more than 80% window panes of the EMU trains running between New Delhi/Ghaziabad and New Delhi/Palwal are missing resulting in great inconvenience to the passengers especially daily passengers during winter and rainy seasons;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide window panes in all the EMU trains and its proper maintenance; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against the persons responsible for the maintenance of these EMU trains?

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) The deficiency of window panes in EMU trains is basically on account of law and order. These window panes are made of Aluminium and are being frequently pilfered on line by anti-social elements. Efforts are being made to make good the deficiency. In order to reduce the theft, Fibreglass Reinforced Plastic type window panes have already been developed which are considered to have no resale value and are being provided in EMU trains in a phased manner. Being an anti-social activity, Railway Protection Force is also regularly checking the coaches to control the menace.

(c) Does not arise.

Acquisition of Land for Haridaspur-Paradip Rail Line

1254. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether land acquisition has been started for Haridaspur-Paradip rail line in Orissa;

(b) if so, the total private/public land acquired for the above line;

(c) whether the compensation has been paid to those persons whose land has been acquired; and

(d) if so, the details 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) Yes, Sir.

(b) Land acquisition is under process and the same is yet to be over.

(c) and (d) Till date a total amount of Rs. 5.00 crore has been deposited by the Railways with the State Government towards payment of the compensation.