

Rail link for Agartala

2622. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to link Tripura capital of Agartala, by rail with other parts of the country, by the year 2006; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The work of new line from Kumarghat to Agartala (109 km.) is in progress, which on completion will provide rail connectivity to Agartala. Kumarghat-Manu (21 km.) is targeted for completion during 2002-2003. No target date for the whole project has yet been fixed. The line would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

Raid on catering department at New Delhi Railway Station

†2623. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Vigilance Department had raided the catering department at New Delhi Railway Station on 4th January and 5th March, 2002, and seized spurious and substandard food items;

(b) whether the Chief Railway Vigilance Officer had submitted his report five months back, yet no action has been taken so far by the department thereon;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for not taking any action and by when the action thereon is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Preventive checks were conducted by the Railway Vigilance at the catering unit of New Delhi Railway Station on 04.01.2002 and 11.03.2002 (not on 05.03.2002). No catering material was seized by the Vigilance team nor any spurious or sub-standard material found during these checks.

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