

(e) Yes, Sir. Work has been included in the Supplementary Budget 1997-98. Work is being executed on cost sharing basis with the Government of Gujarat and Ministry of Industry and is expected to be completed during 2000-01 subject to the balance amount from co-sharers becoming available.

**Misuse of concessional rail passes**

3799. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of concessional passes issued by the Railways to various categories are being grossly misused;

(b) if so, whether a task force constituted by the Railway Board to review the plethora of concessions has suggested provision of photo identity cards to check rampant misuse of the concession;

(c) if so, the details of recommendations made by the Task Force; and

(d) the reaction of Government on those recommendations and by when a final decision would be taken to check misuse of concessional passes, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There is no concept of Concessional Passes on Indian Railways.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Procurement of Wagons**

3800. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:  
SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons in FWUs planned to be procured during Ninth Five Year Plan;

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- (b) the total wagons procured, year-wise, so far in the Plan period;
- (c) the short-fall in procurement and reasons for the same; and
- (d) wagons (in FWUs) ordered on M/s. Braithwaite, Burn Standard and Jessop during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH):** (a) the number of wagons in FWUs planned for procurement in the IX Plan is 1,36,000.

(b) The year-wise procurement of wagons so far during the IX Plan period is as follows:

Year	Actual procurement (Figures in FWUs)
1997-98	27865
1999-99	25233
1999-2000	16462.5

(c) The shortfall in the procurement of wagons as compared to projections for the IX Plan is due to reduced requirement of wagons. The requirement of wagons had to be scaled down due to lower arising of traffic. Only 490 million tonnes of freight traffic is expected in 2001-02 as against 525 million tonnes targetted in the IXth Plan. Wagon productivity is also expected to be higher than the target as a result of phasing out inefficient four wheeler plain bearing wagons and inducting modern high capacity air brake wagons. Keeping in view the freight traffic target during 2000-2001, Indian Railways have proposed to procure 23,000 wagons during the current year.

(d) Position of Wagons ordered on M/s. Braithwaite, Burn Standard and Jessop during 1996-97, 1997-98 & 1998-99 is as under:

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
	(Figs in FWUs)		
Braithwaite	2737.5	2625	1895
Burn/Burnpur	082.5	2792.5	2835
Burn/HWH	3380	1885	1852.5
Jessops	850	577.5	1217.5