

during 1997-98, railway-wise is given as under:—

| Railway | Transferred Tickets Detected. | Amount realised (in lakhs) |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Central | 4884 | 14.97 |
| Eastern | 187 | 0.90 |
| Northern | 1231 | 4.28 |
| North Eastern | 16 | 0.25 |
| Northeast | 47 | 0.58 |
| Frontier | | |
| Southern | 4681 | 20.68 |
| South Central | 2132 | 13.08 |
| South Eastern | 691 | 3.02 |
| Western | 5226 | 26.74 |
| Total | 19095 | 84.50 |

Inquiry Report by CRS on the accident near Firozabad

1184. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN
PILLAI: SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS), Northern Circle has submitted his Enquiry Report on the railway accident near Firozabad on August 20, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations made in the Report; and

(c) the details of those being implemented?

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

(b) Recommendations made by the Commissioner of Railway Safety related, inter alia, to track circuiting; of aspect of loop line stations; recruitment, working and training of switchmen; battery-operated flasher type tail lamps; position of SLR coaches; disposal of dead bodies; maintenance of speed recorders; availability of emergency litting kit box, raising of speed of trains, working of guards;

working of safety organisation; and high priority for signalling safety works, etc.

(c) Recommendations of the Commissioner of Railway Safety are in various stages of implementation.

East Coast Railway Zone

1185. SHRI NARENDRA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the East Coast Railway Zone with its head quarters at Bhubaneswar inaugurated in 1996 has become functional; and

(b) if so, the jurisdiction of this zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The East Coast Railway Zone has been inaugurated on 8.8.1996. An Officer-on-Special Duty (OSD) has been posted. Some specific activities of Khurda Road Division have been taken over by this Zone with effect from 15.5.1997.

(b) The detailed territorial jurisdiction of this zone has not yet been finalised.

Gauge Conversion in Andhra Pradesh

1186. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are completing any gauge conversion works in Andhra Pradesh in 1997-98;

(b) the details of on-going work in gauge conversion in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the new gauge conversion works to be taken up in 1998-99; and

(d) full details of funds earmarked for this purpose in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir. The gauge conversion of Mahbubnagar-Dronachel-lam section has been completed in 1997-98