

(ख) इस प्रकार रेलगाड़ी रोके जाने के मुख्य कारण क्या-क्या थे?

रेल मंत्रालय मे राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) और (ख) गाड़ी को प्रथमिकता देना, सावधानी आदेश जारी करना, प्राकृतिक अनियमितता, खतरे की जंजीर खींचना, सामान की खराबी आदि जैसे विभिन्न कारणों की वजह से निर्धारित ठहराव के बिना गाड़ी को रोक जा सकता है। किसी गाड़ी विशेष के अनेक फेरों के ऐसे सभी गैर-अनुसूचीबद्ध ठहराव का ब्यौर तत्काल उपलब्ध नहीं है।

Silting of Chilka Lake in Orissa

1477. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PAT-
NAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRON-
MENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the silting of Asia's largest blue lagoon Chilka lake in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide adequate fund to the State Government of Orissa to desilt the largest lake; and

(c) the details of the steps taken to save that lake from destruction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND
FORESTS (CAPTAIN JAI NARAIN
PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 10th Finance Commission has recommended an amount of Rs. 27 crores to the Government of Orissa under Special Problem Grants for preservation and restoration including desilting of the Chilka lake. The Government has accepted the recommendations of the Commission and has requested the Government of Orissa to furnish action plan for approval of Inter Ministerial Empowered Committee.

(c) Chilka lake is designated as one of the Wetlands of International Importance under Ramsar Convention and is also covered under National Programmes for the Conservation of Wetlands and Wildlife. An amount of Rs. 112.30 lakhs has

been provided so far by the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests to the Government of Orissa for soil conservation in the catchment area habitat improvement of Nalabana, database creation and generating awareness.

Jafri Committee Report on Urdu

1478. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDUL-
LAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP-
MENT be pleased to state the stand of
the Government with regard to the Jafri
Committee Report on Urdu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN
THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RE-
SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI
MUHI RAM SAIKIA): The Govt. has
not taken any final decision on the Jafri
Committee Report on Urdu.

Introduction of New Train Between Mum- bai and Ajmer Sherif

1479. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the
Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand of the people of Mumbai for starting a new train between Mumbai and Ajmer Sherif (Rajasthan);

(b) if so, what action is being taken to fulfil this demand; and

(c) if no action is being taken, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) and (c) Demand has been examined but not found feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.