

Loss due to Commuter violence in Bombay

1276. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated loss due to the recent commuter violence and acts of destruction ransacking Bombay Suburban stations besides setting fire to coaches;

(b) how many times such violent incidents occurred on the Bombay Suburban rail services; and

(c) what are the major causes for the eruption of commuter violence and what measures have been taken by the Government to check the acts of vandalism and destruction by commuters?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):
The loss is estimated at Rs. 1.77 crores (Approx.) from 15-7-1994 to 4-10-1994.

(b) Twelve times during the above period.

(c) Derailment, rake defects and other equipment failures resulting in cancellation and late running of suburban trains are the major causes for the eruption of commuter violence. RPF/GRP presence has been strengthened at stations to check the acts of vandalism and destruction by commuters. Interaction and co-ordination with State Police Authorities have also been intensified for more stringent preventive measures.

पटना-गया रेल लाइन का दोहरीकरण

1277. श्री नागमणि : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार पटना-गया रेल लाइन, जो देश की दो बड़ी लाइनों अर्थात् ग्रैंड कैंट लाइन और दिल्ली हावड़ा लाइन को जोड़ती है, को दोहरा करने के लिए उच्च स्तरीय सरकारी निकायों और

जनता की लंबे समय से चली आ रही मांग पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस परियोजना कब तक पूरी हो जायेगी; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० आश्रम शर्मा) : (क) से (ग) पूर्व रेलवे द्वारा गया और पटना के बीच दोहरी लाइन बिछाने के लिये एक विस्तृत सर्वेक्षण शुरू किया गया है जो प्रगति पर है। परियोजना पर आगे विचार करना सर्वेक्षण पूरा हो जाने के बाद ही संभव हो सकेगा।

Construction of road over-bridges in Orissa

1278. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road over-bridge under construction in Orissa with World Bank assistance;

(b) the progress made in the completion of the construction of each of those Road over-bridges;

(c) the steps taken to expedite the construction of those bridges; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Nil.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Foreign investment for implementing Railway Projects

1279. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought foreign investment for implementing some Railway Projects.