

पर अगले दस वर्षों में माल और यात्री परिवहन कितना-कितना होने का अनुमान है और रेल लाइन के उपरोक्त दोनों खंडों के निर्माण की अनुमानित लागत कितनी है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मलिकार्जुन) : सूचना एक्ट की जा रही है और रकम पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

स्टालों का आवंटन

3019. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मोम दफ़रा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश भर में रेलवे स्टेशनों पर खाद्य पदार्थ और चाय बेचने के कितने स्टाल हैं ; और

(ख) इनमें से कितने स्टाल क्रमशः पिछड़े वर्गों के लोगों और अल्प व्यक्तियों को आवंटित किए गए हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मलिकार्जुन) : (क) 4121 ।

(ख) कांतिवार सांकडे नहीं रखे जाते हैं, बहरहाल, शारीरिक रूप से विकलांग व्यक्तियों को 8 स्टाल आवंटित किए गए हैं ।

Refund of ticket money to passengers

3020. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-
SHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 211 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd July, 1992 and state;

(a) the reasons for which the passengers are not eligible for compensation if undue and long delay—beyond two hours on long distance and one hour on short distance journeys occurs;

(b) whether such compensation is paid in other countries

(c) what are the reasons in normal situations for delay which are beyond the control of the Railways; and

(d) what are the schedules for the maintenance of equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIK ARJUN): (a) In case of late arrival of trains, the Railways cannot grant refund or pay any compensation to all the passengers of such late-running trains in-as-much as Railways have already incurred the cost involved in the asportation of passengers. The tender fare structure is not fully cost-based and Railways do not earn profit from overall passenger services.

(b) This information is not available with the Ministry of Railways.

Reasons for late running of trains beyond Railways' control are agitations bandhs, miscreant activities, alarm chain pulling, bad weather, premature failure of equipments, cautious driving due to fog, etc.

(d) There are periodical schedules laid down for maintenance of various equipments, depending on technical requirements for each type of equipment. These schedules are generally time based and in some cases utilisation based.

Railway accidents

3021. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAM-
BHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL
alias MEEM AFZA^T—
SHRI TINDIVANAM G.
VENKATARAMAN,
SHRI J. S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents of the I railways during the last three years;

(b) the number of deaths and the number of injuries in these accidents;

(c) what is the amount of compensation paid to the injured and the next of kin of the deceased; and

(d) what is the number of cases pending for the grant of compensation and since when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There were 1602 consequential train acci-

dents on Indian Railways during the years 1989-90 to 1991-92.

(b) As per available information 853 persons lost their lives and 2,640 persons sustained injuries in these accidents.

(c) An amount of Rs. 558.77 lakhs was paid as compensation during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92.

(d) 445 cases as on 31.3.92 as per year-wise break-up given below: —

Year	Cases	Year	Cases
1980	4	1987	10
1981	1	1988	15
1982	..	1989	95
1983	2	1990	109
1984	11	1991	167
1985	12	1992	2
1986	17
TOTAL- :		445	

Railway bridges in the country

3022. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of railway bridges in the country which were required to be rebuilt or strengthened to make them fit for heavier and faster traffic by the end of the Seventh Plan;

(b) the number of such rail bridges on which the work has been initiated and by when the same is likely to be completed; and

(c) by when the remaining bridges are likely to be rebuilt?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The number of bridges requiring to be strengthened for the current heavier loads and speeds was 187, at the end of the VII Plan.

(*o) Work on 158 of these bridges was taken up and it is likely to be completed by 1993-94.

(c) By 1955-56.

छत्तीसी-बधहा परियोजना का निर्माण कार्य

3023. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) छत्तीसी-बधहा परियोजना के निर्माण कार्य में कितनी प्रगति हुई है