

**Increase in Rail Fares**

2850. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is likelihood of any further increase in the rail fares in the near future; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (b) Review of rail fares is a continuous process and these fares are adjusted from time to time to generate internal resources and to meet the rising cost of inputs.

**Safe Drinking Water at Railway Stations**

2851. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the water available at various Railway stations through out the country is safe enough to drink; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Drinking water supplied at station is clean potable water.

(b) Does not arise.

**Cultivation of Railway Land**

2852. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are incurring huge losses because of non-leasing and unauthorised cultivation of 16150 acres of railway land along 17 rail routes under the Ferozepur Division of Northern Railway;

(b) if so, what remedial steps are proposed; and

(c) whether there is any plan to re-start leasing out the railway