

designed for wheel chair borne passengers. These compartments have facilities like wider door-way, aisle and knee space to permit easy movement of wheel chair, toilet adapted to needs of such passengers, arrangements for securing wheel chairs during the journey etc. Some coaches having such compartments are already in service as unreserved accommodation. It has been decided to provide one such coach in every mail/express train during next two years.

(c) yes, Sir. From 2001-02 upto 2005-06 a total of 1159 coaches having such specially designed compartments have been manufactured.

(d) These coaches have been in service as unreserved coaches since their manufacture.

Solapur-Gadga rail line

1305. SHRI K.B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the fact that railway line between Solapur to Gadga *via* Bijapur broad gauge line is incomplete;

(b) the details of the portion left out; and

(c) by when the work would be completed?

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

(b) Basavana Bagewadi Bagalkot-Gadga.

(c) Basavana Bagewadi-Bagalkot is targeted for completion during 2006-07 and the remaining section in the coming years subject to deposition of balance share by the Government of Karnataka.

Regularisation of temporary employees

† 1306. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take steps to regularize such temporary employees who have completed 5 or 8 years in a department;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.