

Statement

Railways	Maximum number of passenger trains (in pairs) which remained cancelled on any single day due to shortage of coal					
	April,	May,	June,	July	August,	September,
	1982	1982	1982	1982	1982	1982
Central	..	..	..	..	8.0	21.0
Northern	54.0	18.0	17.0	8.0	52.5	52.5
N. Eastern	..	..	4.5	7.5	28.5	24.5
Southern	48.5	57.5	15.5	9.0	10.0	15.0
S. Central	..	..	..	20.0	4.0	4.0
Western	14.0	3.0	..	..	113.0	69.0
TOTAL	86.5	78.5	37.0	44.5	216.0	186.0

Train accident at Taran Taran

273. SHRI MULIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a serious bus-train collision took place at a level crossing near Tarn Taran on the night of Saturday, the 11th September, 1982;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed and injured in the accident; and

(c) what were the causes of the accident?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) In this accident, 34 persons were killed and 21 injured.

(c) The Commissioner of Railway Safety, Lucknow has held a statutory inquiry into this accident. His report is awaited.

Captive power stations by Railways

274. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) The number of Captive Power Stations which have been planned by Railways and how many of them were commissioned in the last 2 years; and

(b) what are the details of the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) None.

(b) Does not arise

Wagons lying idle in Railway yards

275. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:

SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item in the "Telegraph" of the 1st September, 1982 to the effect that thousands of wagons are lying idle in railway yards; and

(b) if so, what action Government proposed to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) All efforts are being made in close corrodination with all the major loading sectors, at all levels, to further pick up loading, which has shown improvement during the month of September, 82 as compared to August, 82.

Railway traffic freight

276. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of the traffic freight carried by the railways during the last one year, month-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Figures of revenue earning goods traffic lifted during the last one year (month-wise) are given below:—

(In million tonnes)

Month	Loading
September, 81	17.70
October, 81	18.51
November, 81	18.33
December, 81	19.48
January, 82	20.04
February, 82	18.82
March, 82	20.88
April, 82	17.75
May, 82	19.10
June, 82	17.97
July, 82	18.80
August, 82	17.69

Investigation of Railway accident at Chandigarh

277. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the accident at the unmanned gate near Chandigarh involving several passengers of a bus have been investigated;

(b) whether the earlier findings of the Railway Accident Committee with regard to the un-manned gates has been implemented; and

(c) if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No accident involving a passenger bus and a train/engine at an unmanned level crossing near Chandigarh has been reported during 1982.

(b) Recommendations of Railway Accidents Enquiry Committee-1978 (Sikri Committee) regarding unmanned gates generally pertain to framing of norms for manning of unmanned level crossings, utilisation of Railway Safety works Fund for manning, carrying out of traffic census, provision of speed breakers/bumps, etc. Action to implement these recommendations has been taken.

(c) Does not arise.

जोधपुर-बीकानेर गाड़ी में वातानुकूलित शयन यान

278. श्री हरीशकर भाभड़ा: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या जोधपुर और बीकानेर गाड़ी में द्वितीय श्रेणी वातानुकूलित शयन-यान लगाये जाने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचारधीन है?

रेल मंत्रालय तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): जी नहीं। ऐसे सवारी डिब्बों की अनुपलब्धता के