

Cultivation of vegetables

3460. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways has rented out railway land to cultivators for cultivation of vegetables;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the vegetables grown are not fit for human consumption;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the terms and conditions on which the land is rented out to cultivators; and

(e) the action taken for violation of terms and conditions during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Corruption in Railways

3461. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether corruption in Railways has increased manifold in the past one decade and caused an estimated Rs. 50000/- crore loss to the exchequer;

(b) if so, the details of various sectors in Railways where instances of corruption has come to the notice of Government;

(c) whether existing systems of procurement, tendering etc. in Railways are not transparent and nexus with the middlemen, suppliers and Railways officials have increased; and

(d) if so, the steps Government/Railways proposes to take to issue a white paper on the functioning of Railways and to remove corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir. Vigilance Organisation of Railways deals with Complaints of corruption and also conducts preventive checks. Corruption cases are dealt with in consultation with CVC.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Systems are transparent and all extant instructions of Government on the subject are being followed.

(d) There is no such proposal.

New rail line in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh

†3462. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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- (a) the details of the new rail lines proposed to be laid in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh under the last Five Year Plan;
- (b) the present status of Hoshiarpur-Una, Chandigarh-Baddi and Bhanupalle Bilaspur-Leh lines; and
- (c) whether Government has received any proposal from Himachal Pradesh for laying of new rail line during the last and the current Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Chandigarh-Baddi and Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri new lines falling in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh have been included in Railway Budget 2007-08 and 2009-10 respectively.

(b) The status of mentioned new lines is as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of project	Status
1.	Una-Hoshiarpur new line	Updating survey taken up.
2.	Chandigarh-Baddi new line	Work has been stalled following refusal by State Government of Punjab and Chandigarh Administration to provide land for the work. Study of alternative alignment from Kalka/Ghanauli to Baddi taken up.
3.	Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri new line	Work already sanctioned. Final Location Survey completed. Part Detailed Estimate sanctioned. Land acquisition taken up.
4.	Bilaspur-Manali-Leh new line	Survey completed. Project proposal has been processed for necessary approval.

(c) Since 2002-03, proposals have been received from the Government of Himachal Pradesh for laying of Chandigarh-Baddi, Ghanauli-Baddi, Baddi-Kalka, Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri, Jogindernagar-Mandi and Bilaspur-Manali-Leh new lines.

Direct train between Delhi and Kasganj

3463. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct train between Kasganj and Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when direct train service between Kasganj and Delhi is proposed to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Presently, there is no direct train between Kasganj and Delhi.