

project. Final Location Survey for entire length has been completed except at two locations at km. 4.68-4.96 and km. 5.25-5.70 where alignment is passing through Zoological park. Preliminary geotech/geological investigation works are in progress.

(c) and (d) Target for the project has not yet been fixed. Project falls in difficult geological region and requires detailed field survey, geotech/geological investigation before commencement of physical work.

#### **Pre-paid taxi booths at stations**

†2004. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) with whom lies the responsibility of setting-up of pre-paid taxi booths for making auto rickshaw/taxi available to the passengers at railway stations to reach them to their destination at a reasonable rate;

(b) the names of stations of Bhopal and Jabalpur divisions where this facility is available and also names of the Stations where the same facility is not available; and

(c) by when this facility would be provided for the passengers at such stations where pre-paid taxi booths are not available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The responsibility for setting up of pre-paid taxi booths lies with the State Government.

(b) Bhopal and Habibganj railway stations of Bhopal Division and Jabalpur railway station of Jabalpur Division have the facility of pre-paid auto/taxi counters. The remaining stations of these two Divisions do not have this facility.

(c) As the matter pertains to the State Governments, no time-frame can be given in this regard.

#### **Stress suffered by running staff of Railways**

†2005. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that running staff of Railways is suffering from stress, which is resulting in increase in number of accidents;

(b) the details of accidents of last two years caused by running staff;

(c) whether Government has formulated any action plan to tackle such a situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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

(b) In 2008-09, 21 consequential train accidents were attributed to failure of the Loco Pilots and in 2009-10, 12 consequential train accidents were attributed to their failure.

(c) and (d) Measures taken by the railways to improve efficiency of Loco Pilots and to reduce their stress level include implementation of rest rules, upgradation of running rooms/lobbies with better amenities, introduction of yoga and meditation classes in induction and refresher courses at Zonal Railway Training Institutes, trials of air-conditioned loco cabs, etc.

#### **Absence of 1st AC coaches in Delhi-Visakhapatnam trains**

2006. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not even a single train running between Delhi and Visakhapatnam contains a 1st AC coach;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when Government would introduce AC 1st Class coaches in trains running between Delhi and Visakhapatnam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Introduction of AC 1st Class coaches in trains is a continuous process subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources.

#### **Western Dedicated Freight Corridor Project**

†2007. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the progress of the flagship Western Dedicated Freight Corridor Project of Railways;

(b) whether proceedings relating to acquisition of land by Railways in the State of Rajasthan have been completed; and

(c) whether places for making railway stations for the same in Rajasthan have been identified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal to Tughlakabad/Dadri) has been sanctioned by the Government. Final Location Survey

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