RAJYA SABHA

[10 March, 2006]

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19	ROB between Namkum-Ranchi station in lieu of LC No. MH-26 at Km 419/12-13 Tatanagar-ROB in lieu of existing ROB No. 29/A at Kms.	2002-03	743	793
20	249/638 at Tatanagar	1999-00	367	*364
	TOTAL		9842	10567

Note: State Govt. share is to be borne by M/s. TISCO.

Delhi-Lahore Samjhauta Express

*297. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of Delhi-Lahore Samjhauta Express is far from satisfactory;

(b) whether it is a fact that no facilities are available to passengers at Attari station;

(c) if so, what steps are being planned to make this travel more comfortable;

(d) whether it is also a fact that passengers have to wait for hours at Attari and Wagha;

(e) whether this time can be reduced; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Passengers have to wait nearly 5 to 6 hrs. for completing the international travel formalities.

(e) Not at present, Sir.

(f) International travel formalities such as customs, immigration and security checks are taking nearly 5 to 6 hrs. to clear all the passengers.

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