

Cancellation of trains due to fog

1835. SHRI JAI PRAKASH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that every year more than 40 trains have to be cancelled due to dense fog in North India, leading to loss of revenue as well as inconvenience to passengers;
- (b) if so, whether Government is engaged in the research of some new technique to overcome this situation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the annual loss of revenue to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Railways is undertaking trial of a fog safe device which is a portable device to be carried by loco pilots and alert the driver about approaching signals and is likely to give better speed to trains.

(d) The data of loss due to late running of trains or their cancellation due to fog is not maintained.

Rail projects in Madhya Pradesh

†1836. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the rail projects running in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) whether all these projects are running behind schedule;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of steps taken by Government to complete these projects in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):

(a) Presently, 5 new line, 5 gauge conversion and 4 doubling projects falling fully or partly in Madhya Pradesh are in progress.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, some projects are trailing behind schedule due to delay in land availability, forestry clearance and constraint of resources.

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