

(a) whether Government is aware that construction of parallel bridge at Govindpuri and Jhakarkati in U.P. has been pending for a long time and no progress has been made so far;

(b) if so, the time it would take to complete the bridge;

(c) whether Government is also aware that at Govindpuri station there was a proposal for construction of foot over-bridge; and

(d) if so, the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):  
(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The work of widening of existing two lane Road Over Bridge (ROB) by construction of new two lane ROB at km 1021/15-17 at Govindpuri in Kanpur on Kanpur-Tundla section has been sanctioned in Railways Works Programme, 2011-12. The work is at planning and estimation stage. There is no sanctioned work at Jhakarkati.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The work of construction of foot over bridge is at execution stage.

#### **Damage to tracks due to overloading**

2150. DR. BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether train accidents of East-bound trains are caused due to excess pressure on tracks which has increased in the last three years;

(b) whether Railways ignored the warning from several committees and experts that overloading has been damaging tracks, and consequently putting human lives at risk;

(c) whether Railways introduced more and more trains on Howrah route in quick succession, without technological advancement such as laying new lines or upgrading existing ones; and

(d) whether any high-level committee has been instituted to study the railway safety on priority basis?

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

(b) No, Sir. Railways are optimally utilizing the carrying capacity of wagons.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Railway Safety Review Committee (RSRC) was constituted in 1998 which gave a total of 278 recommendations in its report, of which 236 have been accepted fully or partially by the Ministry of Railways. 42 recommendations could not be accepted due to various reasons. Out of the accepted recommendations, 217 have been implemented and 19 are under various stages of implementation.

**Construction/improvement in staff quarters**

2151. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of staff quarters constructed during 2009-10 and 2010-11; and
- (b) the details of improvement made in staff quarters and colonies during 2010-11 and 2011-12?

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

(a) About 7,900 staff quarters have been constructed during 2009-10 and 2010-11.

(b) Improvement to staff quarters and colonies is a continuous process. Works of improvement/upgradation of amenities in staff quarters and colonies include provision of bathrooms, kitchens, re-roofing, replacement of damaged doors/windows, augmentation of water supply, sewerage and drainage system, improvement to roads, re-wiring of quarters, upgradation of electrical fittings, etc.

**Threat of caving in of rail routes in coalfield areas**

2152. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many rail routes lying in coalfield areas have been notified for the threat of caving in due to the raging underground fire in those areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government has taken or proposes to take to reduce the chances of any such fatality in future?

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Few coal mines in Jharia Coalfield Area in the vicinity of railway track are