

(b) to (d) There is no proposal for introduction of daily train service between Lucknow and Dehradun at present, due to operational and terminal constraints.

Extension of railway line to Sikkim

2160. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of progress made towards extension of railway line to Sikkim;
- (b) whether the pace of work is going on as per schedule or there is any delay and cost over-run;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) by when the work is likely to be completed?

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

(a) Sivok-Rangpo new line has been sanctioned for providing Rail connectivity to Sikkim and the work is in progress.

- (b) The work is progressing as per schedule and according to availability of resources.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Tentative date of completion of the Project is March, 2015.

Train accidents

2161. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of train accidents in the country since May 2009 till date;
- (b) the number of human casualties in these accidents;
- (c) the estimated loss of property due to these accidents;
- (d) whether any punitive action has been initiated against railway personnel found responsible for train accidents;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether all safety-related posts in Railways are filled; and
- (g) if not, the reasons for non filling of safety-related posts?

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

(a) Number of consequential train accidents, i.e., collisions, derailments, manned level crossing