

(d) Does not arise.

(e) On 22.11.2011 at about 02.35 hrs., an unfortunate incident of fire in Train No. 13009 Howrah-Dehradun Doon Express took place between Nimiaghat and Parasnath stations of Dhanbad Division of East Central Railway. Railways have taken various measures to mitigate the effects of fire in trains like using fire retardant furnishing materials such as Compreg Board, Vinyl flooring, laminated sheets for ceiling, side wall and partition panelling, Rexene and cushioning material for seats and berths, project for provision of Comprehensive Fire and Smoke Detection System has been undertaken in one rake on Northern Railway where field trials are on. Further, Guard-cum-Brake Van and Air Conditioned Coaches in all trains are provided with portable fire extinguishers, periodical inspection of electrical and Liquefied Petroleum Gas(LPG) fittings in pantry cars and improved material for electrical fittings and fixture in other coaches. A special drive has been launched w.e.f. 22.11.2011 in all Railways for taking steps to prevent fire incidents.

Seamless movement of railway containers

1983. SHRI D. BANDYOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Railways has been drawn to the need for seamless movement of railway containers for facilitating trade and commerce;

(b) if so, the steps taken for such movements at gateway ports by way of electronic documentation; and

(c) whether Railways are in touch with the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance to facilitate this process?

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

(a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Angamaly-Sabarimala-Pathanamthitta-

Trivandrum railway line

1984. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made with regard to the proposed Angamaly-Sabarimala-Pamanamthitta-Trivandrum Railway line;

- (b) the total estimated cost and the money spent so far;
- (c) whether Railways have fixed any time limit for completion of this line;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):
 (a) to (e) Details on Angamaly-Sabarimala-Pathanamthitta-Trivandrum railway line showing estimated cost, expenditure incurred upto March, 2011, present status including target date for completion, wherever fixed are given as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Project	Estimated cost	Expenditure incurred upto March, 2011	Status with target date for completion, wherever fixed
1	2	3	4
Angamali-Sabarimala New Line	1565.99	68.13	Out of the total area of about 508 hectare of land required for the project, 17.23 hectare has been acquired for the first block section from Angamali to Kaladi. Earthwork & minor bridges works in first 5 km from Angamali end and work on Periyar Bridge are in progress. Land acquisition in Ernakulam District is in progress. Land acquisition in Kottayam District is held up as the alignment is to be finalised in consultation with the State Government Work on Angamali-Kaladi (7 Km) is targeted for completion

1	2	3	4
			during 2011-12 subject to availability of land for the entire length.
Pathanamthitta- Trivandrum new line	-	- Updating survey for Erumeli-	Project is not sanctioned. Pathanamthitta-Punalur- Thiruvananthapuram new line has been taken up.

X-ray scanners at railway stations

1985. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that X-ray scanners have been installed at various railway stations of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that these scanners are unable to detect bombs;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the remedial measures Railways propose to take in this regard?

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. X-ray scanners are sanctioned for installation at sensitive stations under Integrated Security System. At present, X-ray baggage scanners are functional at New Delhi, Delhi Main, Sarai Rohilla, Delhi Cantt., Anand Vihar, Delhi Safdarjang, Attari, Udhampur, Hazrat Nizamuddin, Jammu Tawi Howrah, Kolkata (T), Chennai Central, Chennai Egmore, Trivandrum Central, Trichy Junction, Bhubaneswar, Madgaon, Bilaspur, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Dadar, Bhusawal, Nasik Road, Manmad, Akola, Murtizapur, Badnera, Nagpur, Pune and Miraj.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Baggage scanners have been installed at important stations to detect suspicious items and to provide visual clues of arms and ammunition, suspected explosive items, wires etc. that may be carried by a person in the luggage.

- (e) Does not arise.

High speed train

1986. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: