

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Railways have handed over the development work to the said corporation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) It has been proposed to set up a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) with the participation of Ircon International Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Railways and Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), a statutory Authority under Ministry of Railways with the primary objective of modernizing the railway stations by entrusting some of these to the SPV. The process of incorporating the Special Purpose Vehicle under Companies Act 1956 has been undertaken.

Providing stoppage of trains

†1233. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is under consideration to provide stops of any inter-city/express trains etc. at Hindol Road, Meramandali, Jarpada and Bamur stations of East Coast Railway;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is being considered to extend the Puri-Angul fast passenger train upto Redhakhhol station; and

(d) if so, by when this would be operational?

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

(b) It is not feasible, at present, to provide stoppages of Inter-city/express trains at Hindol Road, Meramandali, Jarpada and Bamur stations for want of commercial justification and in view of operational constraints.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Equipment to maintain speed of trains during fog

†1234. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have come up with an equipment to ensure that the trains don't slow down because of fog; and

(b) if so, by when these equipments would be operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a Global Positioning

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System (GPS) based Fog safe device has been developed which displays name of approaching signs and other critical landmarks in advance even during poor visibility condition. It is expected to help reduce stress on Loco Pilots while running trains in foggy weather. This device is not a safety system but an aid to loco pilot to reduce stress during running of trains in foggy weather. Its proliferation on a large scale is still subject to confirmatory trials and development of reliable sources.

Theft of railway parcels and goods

†1235. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways are aware that incidents related to theft of railway parcels and goods from goods trains are taking place frequently;
- (b) the year-wise details of the loss incurred by Railways due to the theft of goods during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by Railways so far for preventing theft of goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The incidents related to theft of Railway parcels and goods from goods trains reported over Indian Railways during the last three years are as under:-

Year	No. of cases reported	Value of property stolen (in Rs. crores)
2009	1083	17.19
2010	1159	16.00
2011	943	18.19

(c) Following steps are being taken by the Railways to prevent theft of goods:-

- (i) Goods trains carrying valuable commodities are being escorted by Railway Protection Force in vulnerable and affected sections.
- (ii) Armed pickets are provided at black spots to prevent criminal interference with the goods trains.
- (iii) Criminals apprehended are prosecuted under the provisions of the Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act.
- (iv) Crime Intelligence is gathered on the activities of the criminals involved in theft of Railway property and raids are being conducted at the dens of receivers of stolen Railway properties with the help of Local Police.
- (v) Close coordination is being maintained with Local Police and

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