

tickets through mobile phones have been provided. Further, additional computerized Passengers Reservation System (PRS) counters are operated, especially during peak rush periods/festival seasons at various locations.

Recommendations of Committee on Railway Safety

1208. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kakodkar Committee on Railway Safety has submitted its report to Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Committee has recommended a fresh levy on train passengers as railway safety cess;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Committee has recommended that the grim financial condition and poor infrastructure and resources are affecting the safety of railway passengers;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the details of remedial measures proposed to augment financial conditions and safety of Railway passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman of High Level Safety Review Committee has submitted his Report to Ministry of Railways on 17.02.2012.

(b) The Report has made recommendations regarding Organisational structure, Signalling, Tracks and Bridges, modernization of Rolling stock, fire prevention in trains, road and level crossings and funding issues.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Dr. Anil Kakodkar Committee has recommended levy of Safety Cess on Passengers to the tune of Rs. 5000 crores per year for five years.

(e) to (g) Action is taken on the accepted recommendations of such Committee's reports.

New railway line between Bijapur and Pandharpur

†1209. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in view of huge crowd of devotees from Karnataka, Andhra

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.