

(c) whether Government has received any complaints against the Tatkal Scheme; and

(d) if so, the status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Details of revenue generated by Railways under Tatkal Scheme during the last three years are as under:-

Financial Year	Tatkal Charges (in Rs. crores)
2009-10	672
2010-11	729
2011-12	847

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The issue regarding non-availability of access to Tatkal tickets through internet during opening hours was reported in one News Paper.

(d) Various measures like restricting agents from booking Tatkal tickets between 0800 hours and 1000 hours, capturing details of proof of identity and carrying the same proof during the journey, increasing the bandwidth and installation of high capacity database servers etc. have been taken by Indian Railways and Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) to improve availability of e-tickets including Tatkal tickets particularly during opening hours of reservation.

Coal transporting capacity

2629. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total capacity of Railways for transporting coal from ports to thermal power plants;

(b) whether the capacity is inadequate to meet the demand for imported coal; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to increase rail capacity for transportation of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The movement of coal to thermal power plants including movement of imported coal is accorded preference by the Railways over similar cargo moving to other customers. The Railways have been successful in meeting the demand for movement of imported coal to thermal power plants. As per Central Electricity Authority (CEA) reports, coal imports to thermal power plants which were at a level of 3.6 million tonnes in the year 2001-02 have

increased to a level 45.549 million tonnes in 2011-12, out of which approximate 14.262 million tonnes were moved to shore based power plants which did not require movement by rail. Out of the balance 31.287 million tonnes coal which was imported, the railways evacuated 30.897 million tonnes and only 0.390 million tonnes were available at the ports. The capacity of the Railways are adequate to meet the demand for imported coal barring seasonal bunching of imported coal at ports. This has been made possible by a proper planning process wherein a logistics plan linking various ports to various plants has been formulated.

(c) Adequate measures are being taken by Railways to ease evacuation/ transportation of coal on Indian Railway Network. A total of 3077.46 Kms. of new lines, doubling and gauge conversion at cost of Rs. 17088.82 crores have been sanctioned and are in various stages of progress for primarily coal bearing routes. This excludes projects being undertaken on deposit term basis from coal companies. In addition, the Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors which are slated to come up by the terminal year of the Twelfth plan will primarily cater to both domestic and imported coal movement on the Eastern sector and imported coal movement on the Western sector.

In addition the Railways are substantially increasing their fleet of rolling stock to meet coal movement. In the year 2011-12, 11683 number of coal loading wagons were inducted into Indian Railway. Moreover, the wagons being inducted are cleared for higher pay load and speed.

Status of Kanchrapara-Halisahar Railway Complex

2630. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Kanchrapara-Halisahar Railway Complex;
- (b) whether it is running behind schedule; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The works relating to land development, electric supply arrangements, road and rail connectivity are in progress.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.

Deputation system in Railways

2631. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether deputation system in Railways is only adding to its financial burden;