

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, Railway has constructed one Road Under Bridge (RUB) at Delhi end of Morena station and one RUB at Level Crossing (LC) No. 449 at km. 1262/2-4 has been proposed for Morena city in Railway Works Programme 2012-13.

Public-private body to run Railways

1981. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government feels that the time is ripe for instituting a public-private body to run Railways on certain routes;

(b) whether the Ministry has done survey on this; and

(c) if so, by when Government would initiate action towards this goal?

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

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Connectivity of Chhattisgarh regions with Kolkata

†1982. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether plans are being prepared for passengers of Surguja and Bastar regions of Chhattisgarh to have the rail route for Kolkata *via* Mumbai-Howrah and Vizagapatam, respectively;

(b) whether the survey work has been started or it would start in 2011-12;

(c) whether facilities for transportation of existing and transportable minerals in both of the above regions are sufficient; and

(d) if not, the details of plan for enhancing such facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI) : (a) and (b) Railway has taken up Dallirajhara-Jagdalpur new line project which passes through bastar region of Chhattisgarh. On completion of this line, Bastar region will get connected to Kolkatta *via* Howrah-Mumbai route *via* Visakhapatnam.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) For improving the facilities for transportation, following new line project and 8 doubling projects are under execution in various stages.

New Line : Dallirajahara-Jagdulpur

Doubling : (i) Bilaspur-Urkura (110 km), (ii) Champa-Byepass line (iii) Champa-Jharsuguda 3rd line (165 km), (iv) Durg-Rajnandgaon 3rd line (v) Khodir-Annupur with flyover at Bilaspur (61.6 Km) (vi) Kirandul-Jagdulpur (150 Km) (vii) Raipur-Titlagarh (203 Km) 7 Raipur (kendri)-Dhamtari and Abhanpur-Rajimbrach (67.20 kms) (viii) Salka Road-Khongsarra- Annupur (90 Km).

Accidents due to rooftop travelling

1983. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of accidents occur due to rooftop travelling in trains;
- (b) if so, the number of such incidents occurred during last three years; and
- (c) the steps Railways are taking to stop rooftop travelling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Number of accidents due to rooftop travelling over Indian Railways during the last three years are as under :

2009	:	44
2010	:	69
2011	:	43

(c) Besides making announcements through Public Address System about the impending dangers and resultant penalties, the following steps are being taken by the Railways to prevent rooftop travelling :

- (i) Drives are being conducted against travelling on rooftop, foot board in coordination with Government Railway Police and Local Police and the offenders are prosecuted under the provisions of law.
- (ii) Awareness programmes are also launched time to time jointly with Local Police, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Scouts, Lions Club etc. urging the passengers to desist from travelling on the rooftop of trains.
- (iii) Signboards and posters have been placed on platforms to create awareness amongst the passengers.