

(c) This Committee has made 106 recommendations in their Report covering the following aspects: General Safety Matters, Organizational structure, Empowerment at Working Level, Safety Related Works and Issues, Vacancies in Critical Safety Categories and Manpower Planning issues, Shortage of Critical Safety Spares, External Interference — Encroachment and Sabotage, Signalling, Telecommunication and Train Protection, Rolling Stock, Track, Bridges, Level Crossings, Human Resource Development with Emphasis on Education and Training, Training Institutes on Indian Railways (IR), Research and Eco-System on Indian Railways and Safety Architecture on IR.

(d) The recommendations of the committee are presently under examination in the Ministry of Railways.

Raxaul-Bairgania Rail Section

900. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Raxaul-Bairgania Rail Section was closed on 1 April, 2011 for six months due to Broad Gauge (BG) conversion;

(b) if so, whether even after more than one year this section is still closed;

(c) whether Government is aware of the problems being faced by people of this area as there is no highway or other transport facility to connect Raxaul and Darbhanga; and

(d) the action being taken by the Ministry for earliest opening of Raxaul-Bairgania B.G. Rail Section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The work of Broad Gauge conversion is in advanced stage. Out of 54 km., the work on Bairgania-Chauradano section (30 km.) has been completed and Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) inspection is to be done. For the remaining 24 km. section, 75% of the work has been completed and the entire work is expected to be completed in 2012-13.

Incident of robbery and murder

901. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of one Shri Pritam Bhattacharjee, a Ph.D. scholar from Silchar, was robbed and murdered while travelling in Avadh Assam Express on 8 June, 2012 and his dead body was found on 16 June near Naugachia station in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that he was being hackled and forced to get down at Naugachia station in front of the TTE of the coach and the RPF police made no serious attempt to intervene despite complaints; and