

(a) whether Railways would consider introduction of fast moving main line MEMU trains between Bhubaneswar-Cuttack-Bhubaneswar, Bhubaneswar-Khurda Road-Puri, Bhubaneswar-Khurda Road-Berhampur, Bhubaneswar-Dhenkanal-Angul-Talcher, Cuttack-Paradeep and Rourkela-Rajgangpur-Jharsuguda;

(b) whether DMU service would be introduced between Titlagarh-Sambalpur-Jharsuguda sections; and

(c) whether stations at aforesaid places would be remodelled and upgraded with modern passenger amenities for the suburban passengers/commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal.

(c) Upgradation of stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken based on need, *inter-se* priority of stations and availability of funds.

Manning of unmanned railway level crossings

1530. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Railways are planning to man the unmanned railway level crossings at Bandalo, Korai, Jodabar railway plot or construct the underway bypass at these places alongwith extension of railway foot over bridge with the provision of passing of two wheelers like cycle, motorcycle and rickshaw at Jajpur Keonjhar Road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): The details are as under:

- (i) **Bandalo:-** The Level Crossing (LC) No. 167 near Bandalo is an unmanned LC with negligible traffic. State Government has been requested for approving its closure from safety considerations. Consent of State Government for closure of LC is still awaited.
- (ii) **Korai:-** There is one manned LC No. 137 and another unmanned LC No. 136 leading to Korai village. There is a proposal to provide Subway at both the LCs. However, consent of State Govt. for closure of LCs is still awaited.
- (iii) **Jodabar:-** The unmanned LC No. 143 leading to Jodabar village is proposed to be replaced with a Subway. The work has been sanctioned and the consent for closure of LC from District Magistrate has been received.

- (iv) **Foot Over Bridge (FOB) at Jajpur-Keonjhar Road:-** This is a pedestrian FOB provided at the station. This can not be extended for two wheeler like cycle, motorcycle, and rickshaw.

Trains between Delhi and Kanpur

1531. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is feasible to run trains between Delhi and Kanpur via Mathura, Kasganj, Farrukhabad and Kannauj;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of trains being run;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the corrective action being taken in the matter?

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

- (b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Introduction of train between Delhi and Kanpur via Mathura, Kasganj, Farrukhabad and Kannauj is not feasible at present due to operational and infrastructural constraints.

Railway projects in Punjab

1532. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the pace of laying of new railway lines, conversion of narrow gauge to broad gauge and setting up of new railway projects in Punjab are far behind as compared to other States; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) All ongoing new line and doubling works falling fully/partly in the State of Punjab are progressing satisfactorily as per availability of resources except Chandigarh-Baddi new line which has been stalled following refusal by State Government of Punjab and Chandigarh Administration to