

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): No time frame has been set for implementation of proposal of redevelopment of Puri and Bhubaneswar Railway Stations as world class stations.

Cuttack Railway Station has not been identified for development as world class station. However, Cuttack Station is identified for development of a Multi Functional Complex (MFC) which shall have facilities like shopping, food stalls, restaurants, book stalls, medicine and variety stores, etc.

Incident of throwing out passengers from railway coach

‡2296. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few months back two students from Bihar, who were on their return journey after appearing in railway examination, were thrown out of a railway coach by some anti-social elements in Ahmedabad, Gujarat causing death of one of them;

(b) if so, the action taken so far in this regard;

(c) whether Government would provide a compensation of ₹ 15 lakh and a job in Railways to the family of the deceased; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) On 13.05.2012 at about 16.10 hrs., two students from Bihar who were travelling in the general compartment of train no. 16209 Ajmer - Mysore Express were pushed out of the train by 3 anti-social elements between Kanij and Mehmabad Railway stations. As a result one of them died at the spot and other sustained injury. Government Railway Police/Nadiad has registered a case *vide* crime no. 09/2012 dated 14.05.2012 under section 302, 307, 392, 394 Indian Penal Code against three unknown persons. No arrest has yet been made.

(c) and (d) Compensation is paid after a compensation claim case is filed by claimant or dependent of victim in Railway Claims Tribunal and a decree is awarded. The amount decreed by Railway Claims Tribunal is paid by Railway to claimants. No case has been initiated for providing job to family of the deceased as there is no provision in the rules.

Railway electrification projects

2297. DR. DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state by when the Ministry would take up the electrification work of Vizianagaram-Rayagada-Damanjodi, Angul-Sambalpur-Jharsuguda B.G. Rail Link, and Haridaspur-Paradeep B.G. Rail Link to bring train operation of single track system?

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): Vizianagaram-Rayagada-Singapur Road is part of Vizianagaram-Rayagada-Raipur sanctioned electrification project. Preparatory works have been taken up. At present, there is no proposal to electrify Singapur Road-Damanjodi section as the electrification of railway tracks is decided based on financial viability, traffic volumes and operational flexibility.

Electrification of Angul-Sambalpur-Jharsuguda has been included in Rail Budget 2012-13 and preliminary works are being taken up.

Electrification work of Haridaspur-Paradeep rail line is in progress alongwith new rail line work.

Lanjigarh road- Junagarh railway line project

2298. DR. DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the targeted date of completion/commissioning of Lanjigarh road-Junagarh new B.G. Rail Link project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): Lanjigarh-Bhawanipatna (31.70 km) section has already been completed and is ready for commissioning. Bhawanipatna-Junagarh (24.30 km) section is targeted to be completed during 2012-13 subject to availability of forest land on the project alignment.

Platforms falling on different sides of Mumbai local trains

†2299. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether one platform of Mumbai local trains comes on one side and other comes on other side leaving passengers confused many a time and causing inconvenience to them;

(b) whether Railways would consider to install a system for indicating the direction of the platform in all coaches so that passengers do not face any inconvenience;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Normally direction of platform in suburban sections of Mumbai local trains is fixed except during emergencies when traffic gets dislocated. In such events Guard of the train makes announcement for the information of the passengers regarding change of platforms.

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