

vehicles for disabled and old age passengers' have also been provided at some of the major railway stations. These facilities are planned at other stations progressively. In addition, escalators and lifts been provided at 44 stations. Further, 354 escalators are planned for ongoing sanctioned works.

Long-term facilities *viz.* provision of facility for inter-platform transfer and engraving on edges of platform, are planned after provision of short term facilities.

RoB on Itadhi Road near Buxar Railway Station

†1381. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a plan to construct a Railway Overbridge (RoB) on Itadhi Road near Buxar Railway Station;
- (b) if so, the time by which it is planned to be constructed; and
- (c) whether Government would give priority to this RoB in view of heavy traffic thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. A Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of level crossing No. 70 at km. 660/9-10 on Buxar-Baruna section has been sanctioned on cost sharing between Railway and the State Government in Railway Works Programme 2011-12.

(b) Being a new work, it is at planning and estimation stage. General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) and estimate are under preparation. Soil investigation work has been done. Target date for completion of this ROB will be fixed after approval of GAD and sanction of estimate for which active co-operation from State Government is solicited.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Modernisation work of Buxar Railway Station

†1382. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether modernisation work of Buxar Railway Station has been completed;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (b) if so, the details of the works completed;
- (c) the details of the works which were to be carried out for modernisation of the station;
- (d) if not, the details of the works done and to be done;
- (e) by when the remaining works would be completed;
- (f) the reasons for non-completion of these works; and
- (g) whether any action would be taken against those agencies/officers entrusted with the responsibility of completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (e) At Buxar Station, works for improvement of station building and platform surface, extension of Foot Over Bridge (FOB) and increase in platform length for 24 coaches have been completed.

Works for provision of 16 feet wide FOB, extension of circulating area (Phase-II) and improvement to surface of platform No. 2 and 3 are likely to be completed by March, 2014.

(f) Due to non-fulfillment of the contractual obligations by the contractor, the works of extension of circulating area (Phase-II) and improvement to surface of platform No. 2 and 3 could not be completed.

(g) Due to failure of the agency, contract has been terminated and Security deposit and performance Guarantee has been forfeited, in terms of the contract agreement.

Historical railway track in Assam

1383. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first railway track of Assam Commissioned on July 16, 1883 by a British Company named 'Assam Railways and Trading Company' (ART), between Dibrugarh and Saikhowa, has been closed down by the North-east Frontier Railway;

(b) whether it is also a fact that when coal mine was discovered at Ledo,