

270 (popularly called Sodhiya Phatak) at km 889/5-7 in Vidisha Yard was constructed and commissioned in 1987 but the LC could not be closed due to public resistance. Hence a work of construction of Limited Height Subway has been sanctioned in Law Book 2013-14 for the use of pedestrians and Light Commercial Vehicles on Cost Sharing basis at a total cost of Rs. 2.48 Crores (Railway's and State Government's share of Rs.1.24 crores each).

(b) Execution and completion of work shall depend upon the deposition of State share.

Train tariffs and fare

†1663. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that short distance passengers are avoiding train level due to its continuously increasing tariff and fare;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is contemplating on addressing this problem by providing any kind of facilities, curtailing the fare or further strengthening the suburban railway services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) During the current Financial Year (April-July, 2013), there has been a marginal drop of 1.16% in the number of passengers booked as compared to last year owing to various factors including change in Advance Reservation Period (ARP), tariff rationalization and relative slowdown in the economy.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal for curtailing fares at present. However, upgradation of passenger facilities and introduction of additional train services, including suburban services, is a continuous process.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.