

apply for refund of fare within 10 days from the day of commencement of journey to the Chief Commercial Manager (Refunds). The TDR shall be issued only upto 3 days after the scheduled departure of the train.

(vi) Unreserved Tickets can be cancelled within 3 hours of the issue of the ticket, subject to payment of clerkage charges. In case of tickets issued in advance, the tickets can be cancelled upto 2400 hours of the day preceding the day of journey.

(d) The time limits for surrender of tickets for seeking refunds have been modified with a view to facilitating timely upgradation of the status of waitlisted passengers. The revision is aimed at bringing efficiency in processing refunds, discouraging last minute cancellations, checking bogus claims for refunds and reducing the misuse of refund process.

Killing of elephants in train accidents

1683. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of elephants are killed under running trains in Odisha rail corridor;

(b) whether this figure is going unabated;

(c) whether Railways have issued instructions to drivers and other staff concerned with the operation of trains to limit the speed of trains in this sector to control killings to elephants under trains;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any other such instructions have been issued to railway staff in the above matter, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. Data of elephant killed under running trains

is maintained railway zone-wise and not State-wise. State of Odisha falls under East Coast Railway (ECoR) and South Eastern Railway (SER). Since 2011, eight elephants have died in four separate incidents in East Coast Railway in the State of Odisha. One incident happened in 2012, killing two elephants in South Eastern Railway in the State of Odisha. However, there is no further case of elephant killing in this area since February, 2013.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Elephant corridors have been identified by the Forest Department, and on such corridors, speed restrictions have been imposed. Details of speed restrictions imposed are as under:

Railway	Name of Route/Section	Length of Caution (in KM)	Details of Temporary Speed Restriction	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
East Coast Railway	Rambha-Ganjam	557-568	Blow whistle.	
	Byre-Kapilas	385/32/-30	Speed restriction of 50 KMPH	
	Charbati-Salagaon	402/18-20	on the advice of Forest Department.	Occasionally Occasionally
South Eastern Railway	Howrah-Nagpur	332/25-384/11	Blow whistle,	
	Chakradharpur-Rourkela-Sonua-Jaraikela (UP)		sharp look out	
	Howrah-Nagpur-Chakradharpur-Rourkela-Sonua-Jaraikela (DN)	384/11-332/25	Blow Whistle sharp look out	

1	2	3	4	5
	Bimalgarh- Kiruburu- Karampada-Kiriburu	454-494	20 KMPH (from KM 487 to KM494) Sharp look out	
	Rajkharswan- Dongaposi- Jinkpani- Singhpokharia (UP)	321/34-32		
	Dongaposi - Rajkharsawan- Singhpokharia- Jinkpani(DN)	321/34-32	Sharp look out	
	Rajkharsawan- Dongaposi- Barbil-Maluka Noamundi (UP)	356/19-374/5	Sharp look out. Blow long whistle	During night only
	Barbil-Dongaposi Rajkharsawan- Noamundi- Maluka (DN)	374/6-356/20	Sharp look out. Blow long whistle.	During night only
	Padapahar - Jakhapura- Padapahar- Jamkundia (UP)	371/19-379/39	40 KMPH. Sharp look out. Blow long whistle.	During night only
	Jakhapura- Padapahar- Jamkundia- Padapahar (DN)	379/40-371/30	40 KMPH. Sharp look out. Blow long whistle.	During night only

1	2	3	4	5
	Padapahar- Jakhapur- Jaroli-Nayagarh	412/11-20	20 KMPH. Sharp look out. Blow long whistle.	During night only

Advisory to Zonal Railways has been issued to sensitise Train Crew and Station Masters on a regular basis. Signage boards have been provided to pre-warn the train drivers. Instructions have also been issued for need clearance of vegetation on the sides of the train within railway land.

Setting up of nuclear power plants

1684. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether to operate 35 per cent of its total network which is electrified, Railways consume around 4000 MW in a day;

(b) whether Railways plan to set up a 1400 MW nuclear power plant for captive use;

(c) if so, the steps initiated in this direction; and

(d) the progress on the thermal power plant of 1000 MW capacity planned by Railways at Nabinagar, Bihar and by when this is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. The present peak power requirement of Indian Railways (IR) is around 4000 Mega Watt (MW).

(b) and (c) Preliminary discussions have been held with Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) for exploring the possibility of setting up of a nuclear power plant of 1400 MW capacity in Joint Venture with them.

(d) The thermal power plant of 1000 MW capacity being set up in Joint Venture (JV) with NTPC Limited is presently under construction and its first unit of 250 MW is likely to be commissioned by 2014 and subsequent units thereafter.