

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Preventive checks for carriage of inflammable goods by passenger, use of fire retardant material in coach including coach wiring, multi level electrical protection system to prevent short circuit, provision of fire extinguishers on trains, display of instructions and announcement for Do's and Don'ts are some of the steps being taken by railways to prevent fire accidents in trains.

(b) Yes, Sir. Fire fighting training is being imparted in railways.

(c) A pilot project for trial with fire and smoke detection system has been taken up in one rake of New Delhi-Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express. Based on the experiences gained during pilot project revised technical specification for fire and smoke detection system has been issued for extended field trials on representative population of coaches.

Research Designs and Standards Organization (RDSO) has been exploring a suitable fire detection/suppression system for Non-AC coaches but no suitable system suiting Indian Railway requirement is presently available.

#### **Revision in Railway Accidents and Untoward Incidents (Compensation) Rules**

604. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry plans to revise the Railway Accidents and Untoward Incidents (Compensation) Rules; and

(b) if so, whether the Ministry would include introduction of insurance in Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Kusheshwar Asthan-Khagaria railway line**

†605. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the laying of Kusheshwar Asthan-Khagaria new railway line was sanctioned in 1997;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.