

(b) whether fool-proof systems have been evolved to eliminate any chance of activities of anti-national and anti-social elements in view of sensitivity of this portion of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) the passenger load factor for the sector - Qazigund to Srinagar and from Srinagar onwards, during 2001 and 2012?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY) : (a) Qazigund-Banihal (19 km) section has already been completed and opened for passenger traffic. Katra-Banihal section (110 km) is targeted to be completed by December 2017.

(b) Policing in Railways is a State subject and prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Police, which they discharge through Govt Railway Police (GRP) of the State concerned. As such the cases of crime on Railway are reported to, registered and investigated by the Govt Railway Police. However, Railway Protection Force supplement the efforts of GRP by deploying their staff of escorting of important trains in affected areas and access control duties at important, and sensitive stations.

(c) The number of passengers and passenger earnings from Qazigund to Srinagar and Srinagar onwards is as under:-

Period	Qazigund-Srinagar		Srinagar-Bharamulla (Excluding Srinagar)	
	Passenger	Amount	Passenger	Amount
2011	15,65,308	1,59,65,095	5,30,330	48,71,399
2012	21,80,262	1,92,06,712	8,17,469	75,60,315

#### **Expenditure on fossil fuels**

1049. SHRI SHASHI BHUSAN BEHERA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the annual expenditure made by Railways on fossil fuels;

(b) whether the Ministry has any plan or initiative to promote renewable energy utilization to reduce the use of fossil fuel, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has made an assessment of the fossil fuel savings that can be generated by use of renewable energy, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY) : (a) The annual expenditure made by Railways on fossil fuels is Rs. 11157.64 Crores for 2011-12.

(b) Yes, Sir. This Ministry has taken initiative to promote renewable energy utilization to reduce the use of fossil fuel. Two Bio-Diesel plants of 30 tonnes per day capacity each, are being built at Raipur and Tondiarpet at a cost of Rs. 30 Crores per plant. These plants will use state of the art European “dry-wash”. They will be capable of using multiple types of raw material. The plants are likely to go on stream in December 2014. It is possible to earn Carbon Credit to the tune of Rs. 8 Crores from these projects.

(c) The annual consumption of Diesel in Indian Railway is of the order of 270 billion litres, therefore by blending 20% Bio-Diesel 54 billion litres of diesel can be saved.

#### **Railway line projects in Karnataka**

1050. DR. VIJAY MALLYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the detail of on-going rail line projects in Karnataka during the last three years, indicating total number of over/under bridges and manned/unmanned crossings built therewith;

(b) whether all these works were executed/are progressing as per schedule;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, project-wise; and

(d) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY) (a) to (d) State-wise details of Railway projects is not