

Accidents at platforms

†3342. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the increasing number of accidents taking place on the platforms of railway stations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such incidents during the last two years and the current year, zone-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to formulate any special action plan and monitoring/mechanism in order to prevent such incidents;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) by when the said action plan is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) No case of accident on railway platform was reported during the last two years and the current year over Indian Railways. However, there were two incidents of stampede on platforms, one at Samastipur station on 16.09.2012 in East Central Railway and the other at Allahabad station on 10.02.2013 in North Central Railway.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Railway track between Jharsuguda and Allahabad

3343. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress in granting of a railway track between Jharsuguda and Allahabad via Sundergarh, Tapkara, Jaspur, Gumla, Ambikapur, Sidhi and Nuagaon; and
- (b) if granted, the progress and implementation status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) No such survey has been sanctioned as Jharsuguda is already connected to Allahabad by two alternate Broad Gauge routes.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of railway infrastructure

3344. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that some States have been given preference over others for development of railway infrastructure;

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