

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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(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government would take so that every State gets its share of development in railway infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) No, Sir. Indian Railways do not have State-wise approach to planning for the development of Railway infrastructure.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Railway projects

3345. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects relating to new railway lines, doubling, gauge conversion, electrification and those pertaining to signalling taken up in Jharkhand;

(b) the present position of these projects;

(c) whether any targets have been fixed for their completion, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken to complete them at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) At present 10 New Lines, 12 Doublings, one Gauge Conversion, 3 Electrification projects and 22 Signalling works, falling fully/partly in Jharkhand, have been taken up at an anticipated cost of ₹ 13043 crore. An expenditure of ₹ 4673 crore has been incurred upto March, 2014 and an outlay of ₹ 759 crore has been provided for their execution during 2014-15.

(c) and (d) Railways have a huge throwforward of ongoing projects and limited overall availability of funds. As such, it is not possible to allot adequate funds to all the projects on a regular basis which is a pre-requisite for fixing targets for their completion.

Railway works

†3346. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of Simhashta Kumbh in 2016, Ujjain-Fatehabad metre gauge

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