

- (iii) Block Proving Axle Counters (BPAC): Block Proving Axle Counters have been provided at about 4000 Block Sections.
- (iv) Train Protection Warning System (TPWS): Two pilot projects of Train Protection Warning System have been implemented, one between Chennai Central and Gummidipundi (50 Route Kms) on suburban section of Southern Railway and the second on the non-suburban Delhi - Agra Section (200 Route Kms) of Northern/North Central Railway, where service trials are in progress. TPWS is also under commissioning on Kolkata Metro, between Dumdum and Kavi Subhash Marg stations (25 Route Kms).

**Recommendation of expert committee for modernisation of Indian Railways**

3364. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any accounting reforms have been initiated in accordance with the recommendations of the Expert Committee for Modernisation of Indian Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Railways have initiated accounting reforms, which envisage transition from the existing cash based accounting system to accrual based accounting system in conformity with the accounting standards stipulated by Government Accounting Standard Advisory Board (GASAB). It also involves accounting separation between infrastructure and operational activities, train and route costing analysis as per recommendation of the Expert Group for Modernization of Indian Railways.

- (c) Does not arise.

**Expert committee to establish cause of rail failures**

3365. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a national level Expert Committee has been set up to establish the cause of rail failures in accordance with the recommendations of the High Level Safety Review Committee; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) A national level committee has been constituted in November 2010 by Railway Board to upgrade the rail specifications by improvement in metallurgical and mechanical properties of rails to reduce the rail failures.

**Environment-friendly toilets in coaches**

3366. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways plan to install environment-friendly toilets in railway coaches;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the status of implementation of the project and time-line for its completion; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Indian Railways propose to install environment-friendly toilets in all its passenger coaches. Proliferation of bio-toilets in coaches has already been started. Approximately, 11700 bio-toilets have been installed in passenger coaches on Indian Railways till June 2014. It is planned to induct all newly-manufactured coaches fitted with bio-toilets from 2016-17 onwards and to fit bio-toilets in the entire fleet of coaches by 2021-22.

- (d) Does not arise.

**Allotment of stalls/spaces to social/religious organisations**

3367. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways allot stalls/spaces to social/religious organisations and if so, under what policy;
- (b) the names of such organisations and how many stalls/spaces have been allotted to them and at which locations; and
- (c) the terms and conditions under which such allotments have been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir. Zonal Railways have allotted stalls/spaces to social/religious