

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Representations are received at various levels of Railways administration viz. station, Divisional level, Zonal level and Railway Board's level, a compendium of which is not maintained. Introduction of train between Hoshiarpur and Haridwar is not feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints. However, passengers may avail change over at Jalandhar Cantt. & Ambala Cantt. which is connected to Haridwar.

(b) In view of the huge throw-forward of ongoing projects, limited availability of funds and competing priorities, there is no proposal to connect Garhshankar with Hoshiarpur and Hoshiarpur with Tanda at present.

Instances of theft in trains running between New Delhi and Chennai Central

1182. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instances of theft have increased in trains running between New Delhi and Chennai Central, particularly in G.T. Express (12616/12615) and Tamil Nadu Express (12622/12621), especially during summer vacation period of May and June;

(b) if so, the details of theft cases registered with Railway Police (Chowki Prabhari) on this route, *i.e.* between New Delhi to Chennai Central in the month of May and June, 2014; and

(c) the details of progress made in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Theft of passengers' belongings in trains running between New Delhi and Chennai Central during the period of May and June, 2014 has decreased to 59 numbers in comparison to 82 numbers in the previous year. However, 17 numbers of such cases have been reported in G.T. Express and Tamilnadu Express during May and June of 2014 which is marginally higher than 16 numbers reported in 2013.

(c) Crimes reported in Railways are registered and investigated by the Government Railway Police (GRP) of the State concerned.

Laying of railway line between Wardha and Nanded

1183. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has announced laying of railway line between Wardha and Nanded, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that acquisition of land has not been completed till now, if so, the steps Government would take for speedy implementation of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Wardha-Nanded new line (270 km) has been sanctioned at an anticipated cost of Rs.2500 crores. An expenditure of Rs.67.32 crores has been incurred upto March, 2014 and an outlay of Rs.15 crores has been provided for the year 2014-15.

(b) Out of 284 km, land has been acquired for 33 km length and land acquisition papers for another 97 km length have also been submitted to the State Government for early acquisition of land.

Loss incurred by Patna junction-Digha passenger service operations

†1184. SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the loss suffered by Railways every year from Patna Junction-Digha passenger service operated in Danapur division;

(b) whether any proposal to discontinue this passenger service and to hand over the land of Patna-Digha line to the State Government is under consideration;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Patna-Digha is one of the uneconomical branch lines of the Indian Railways. Loss suffered in operating this uneconomical branch line during the last three years is as under:

2010-11	Rs.3.82 crore
2011-12	Rs.2.19 crore
2012-13	Rs.2.42 crore

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.