

Use of sub-standard material for manufacturing bogies

1507. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that sub-standard material is being used in manufacturing bogies of trains because of which accidents are taking place; and
- (b) if so, the action taken/being taken by Railways in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Quality systems are in place in the Railways to ensure that all the material used for manufacturing of bogies of trains is as per prescribed standards.

Objectives for railways during Twelfth Five Year Plan

1508. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the major objectives for railway sector in the Eleventh Five Year Plan and how far Railways have been able to achieve them;
- (b) whether Railways have formulated objectives for the Twelfth Five Year Plan and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of measures taken by Railways to improve the amenities for passengers; and
- (d) the steps taken to check train accidents, including those due to human error?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) The major objectives of the Eleventh Five Year Plan were creation of adequate transport capacity to handle the medium-term and long-term projected growth of both passenger and freight traffic and provide improved services to both segments. The achievements of the Eleventh Five Year Plan are given below:-

(i) Freight Business:-

Item	Terminal Year Achievement
Originating Tonnage (Million Tonnes)	970
NTKM (Billion)	639.77

(ii) Passenger Business:-

Item	Terminal Year Achievement
Originating Passengers (Million)	8,139
Passenger Km (Billion)	1,062

(iii) Capacity creation:-

Items	11th Plan Achievement (km)
New Lines	2,205
Gauge Conversion	5,290
Doubling	2,756
Railway Electrification	4,501

(iv) Rolling stock:-

Items	11th Plan Achievement
Wagons	63,481
Coaches (including EMU/ MEMU/ DEMU)	17,085
Diesel Loco	1,288
Electric Loco	1,218

(b) The Twelfth Plan aims at faster, more inclusive and sustainable growth. The strategies are aimed at new and faster capacity addition along with improved productivity of the existing network and assets to increase transportation output for meeting the expanding requirements of the economy.

(c) Improvement of passenger amenities is a continuous and ongoing activity based on the volume of passengers, traffic handled at the station, *inter-se* priority of works and availability of funds. Minimum Essential Amenities are provided at all stations as per prescribed norms according to the category of each station.

Upgraded amenities are provided at identified stations under various modernization schemes. At present, stations are upgraded under the 'Adarsh Station Scheme' which has been launched in the year 2009. Under this scheme, 1052 stations have so far been selected for development. Out of these, 894 stations have been developed under this scheme.

(d) Safety is accorded the highest priority by Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on a continual basis to prevent accidents and to enhance safety. These include timely replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signaling and interlocking systems, safety drives, greater emphasis on training of officials and inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices. Safety devices/ systems being introduced to prevent accidents include provision of Block Proving Axle

Counters (BPAC), Auxilliary Warning System (AWS), LED Signals, Vigilance Control Device (YCD), Anti Collision Device (ACD), Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) and Train Protection and Warning System (TPWS).

Trains from North Eastern Region

1509. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the trains introduced from North-Eastern Region to various parts of the country in the last two years:

(b) whether these trains are being operated presently, 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) to (c) Indian Railways does not run trains on State-wise region-wise basis as railway network runs across State/regional boundaries. During the financial years 2012-13 and 2013-14, the following trains services have been introduced serving various stations located in North Eastern region of the country:

1. 55817/55818 Chaparmukh-Silghat Town Passenger (4 days a Week)
2. 12525/12526 Kolkata-Dibrugarh Express (Weekly)
3. 52589/52590 Karimganj-Silchar Passenger (Daily)
4. 12519/12520 Kamakhya-Lokrnanya Tilak (T) AC Express (Weekly)
5. 156211/15622 Kamakhya-Anand Vihar Express (Weekly)
6. 13281/13282 New Tinsukia-Rajendranagar Express (Weekly)
7. 156615/15616 Kamakhya-Dekargaon (Tezpur) Intercity Express (Daily)
8. 55761/55762 Rangiya-Dekargaon (Tezpur) Passenger (Daily)
9. 12551/12552 Yesvantpur-Karnakhya AC Express (Weekly)

All the above services are in operation, except 52589/52590 Karimganj-Silchar Passenger (Daily) which has been cancelled owing to gauge conversion work on the Lumding-Badarpur-Silchar section.