

₹ 98,000 crore. It also provides details of alignment, station locations, land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement, rolling stock requirement, other technical specifications and different funding options required to implement the project etc.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Government of Japan has agreed to provide technical and financial assistance for building the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail corridor which includes assistance to the tune of 81% of the total project cost by way of a soft loan at an interest rate of 0.1% for 50 years with 15 year moratorium.

Rail Neer scam

2378. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Rail Neer scam unearthed by CBI recently;
- (b) whether it is a fact that ₹ 27 crore cash was seized from an accused's residence;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the accused has more than 70 per cent of Railway catering contracts in his kitty; and
- (d) the details of irregularities done by the said accused and the action Government proposes to take against him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case against two Railway officials and eight private caterers under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 regarding the supply of packaged drinking water other than the prescribed 'Rail Neer' in Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains in Northern Railway.

(b) No such official communication has been received from CBI.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As per the case registered by CBI, the caterers allegedly supplied packaged drinking water other than the prescribed 'Rail Neer' in Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains in Northern Railway in violation of the existing policy. It has been decided to make payments directly to Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation for supply of Rail Neer Packaged Drinking Water in Shatabdi/Rajdhani/Duronto trains.

Number of unmanned railway level crossings

2379. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: