

**Effect of Pancheshwar dam on Tanakpur-Bageshwar railway line**

†419. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pancheshwar dam being constructed in Champawat district of Uttarakhand is likely to affect the Tanakpur Ghat-Bageshwar railway line badly;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has received directions to suspend further action on this railway line; and

(c) if so, the level from which these directions have been received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Survey for Tanakpur Ghat-Bageshwar railway line *via* Pancheshwar was carried out in the year 2010-11.

(b) and (c) As per available records, no intimation regarding interference of the dam project with railway alignment, has been received.

**Limiting the number of online bookings per user ID**

420. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are limiting online booking of tickets from the existing 10 to 6 on one user ID, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether such restrictions would not impact frequent travellers; and

(c) if so, how the Ministry is contemplating to address this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) The monthly limit of booking of tickets through Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC) website by an individual user has now been revised to 6 tickets in a month instead of 10 tickets in a month. This has been done as an additional measure to curb possible unfair practice of cornering rail tickets as it has come to notice that most of the individual users book 6 tickets online per month. However, passengers can purchase reserved tickets from Computerized Passenger Reservation Centres without any limit.

**Special team to attend to suburban railway accident victims**

421. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mumbai High Court has suggested Railways to have a special team to attend to suburban railway accident victims and provide them with medical assistance;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.