

due to poor patronization. At present, there is no commercial demand to re-start Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Amritsar Special train. Further, Special trains are run for clearance of extra passenger traffic during peak seasons, special events, festivals etc. keeping in view the pattern of traffic, commercial justification, operational feasibility and availability of resources. This is an ongoing process over Indian Railways.

**Releasing of grants to Madhya Pradesh under development  
of fresh water aquaculture scheme**

†2277. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision to provide grant to Fisheries Development Agencies under the Development of Freshwater Aquaculture scheme run by the Central Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the amount concerning the approved proposals of Government of Madhya Pradesh under this scheme is yet to be sanctioned and released, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT) (a) No, Sir. Under the newly restructured scheme 'Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries' of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, which is being implemented from 2016-17, there is no specific provision to provide grants to Fisheries Development Agencies.

(b) No, Sir. No proposal of Government of Madhya Pradesh under the above scheme has been approved during 2016-17.

**Medical facilities for passengers in running trains**

2278. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate medical facilities for passengers are not available in running trains, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to provide adequate medical facilities for passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. First Aid Boxes containing essential drugs and

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

dressings materials are provided with the guards of all passenger carrying trains. In addition, Augmented First Aid Boxes with wide range of medicines, disposable medical material, etc. have been provided with the Train Superintendents/Guards of Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains and some nominated trains. Front line staffs deployed on trains are also trained in rendering First Aid. Trains can also make unscheduled halts, if necessary, at the stations en-route in emergencies. The Station Masters of all stations have details of doctors, clinics and hospitals, both Government and Private, in the vicinity of the station, so that their services could also be availed, in emergencies. Ambulance services of both Railway hospitals and State Governments are utilized as and when required.

**Enhancing train fares to upgrade basic facilities**

2279. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration to enhance train fares to upgrade basic facilities for railway passengers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be effected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Demolitions to clear railway land under encroachment**

2280. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated area of railway land that is under encroachment, year-wise since 2010;

(b) the number of demolitions carried out to clear railway land, year-wise since 2010;

(c) the number of people affected by each demolition; and

(d) the steps taken to resettle people evicted from encroached railway land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (d) The position of approximate area of railway land under encroachment year-wise since, 2010, is as follows: