

Development of Buxar railway station

†2282. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made for expansion and modernisation of Buxar railway station in Bihar;

(b) the efforts being made to preserve the station as per cultural and mythological traditions of Buxar; and

(c) the progress with regard to construction of Railway overbridge at eastern level crossing of Buxar station, keeping in view the heavy jam at this side and the time by which it would be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Upgradation of Passenger Amenities for development of stations is a continuous and ongoing process. At present, stations are developed under Adarsh Station Scheme and Buxar Station has been identified for development under this scheme. However, the station has also been identified for redevelopment through Swiss Challenge Method. Preservation of culture and mythological tradition of Buxar Station is the part of redevelopment of Buxar Station.

(c) Work for construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) *in lieu* of level crossing (LC) 70-A at Km. 660/25-27 at Buxar has been sanctioned on cost sharing basis. General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) has been approved.

Averting accidents at unmanned railway level crossings

2283. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has devised any effective accident protection system for railway trains with a view to avert train collision, derailment and accidents on unmanned railway level crossings;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when such devices are likely to be installed in trains; and

(c) if the response to parts (a) and (b) above is in negative, whether Government proposes to import such equipments from foreign countries and if so, the details thereof and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Railway had developed Train Actuated Warning Device (TAWD) to

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