

Tiger trail circuit train in Sunderbans

*64. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tiger Trail Circuit Train does not pass through the Sunderbans;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Ministry will consider including Sunderbans in the itinerary of the Tiger Trail Circuit Train, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) to (c) The present itinerary of the tourist train Tiger Express covers Delhi–Katni (Bandhavgarh and Kanha)–Jabalpur (Bedhaghat and Dhuadhar Waterfall)–Delhi and does not cover Sunderbans. Presently, there is no plan to add Sunderbans on the Tiger Express itinerary. Addition of more destinations/tourist circuits to the itinerary of tourist trains is a continuous process, based on availability of resources and market demand.

MSP for Kharif crops

*65. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently announced Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Kharif crops, including paddy, for Kharif season 2016-17, if so, the details thereof, crop-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware that increase in MSP of paddy is very less remunerative in comparison to the increase in its cost of production, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to review the MSP of paddy and provide remunerative price to poor farmers who are committing suicide on an alarming scale; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has announced Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of Kharif crops including paddy for 2016-17 season, Details are given in Statement (*See below*).

(b) to (d) Government fixes the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of various crops including paddy on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural