

Railway overbridges at all crossings

†1465. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to construct railway overbridges for traffic at all the railway crossings across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering construction of railway overbridge on the western railway crossing of Karpurigram station, if so, by when and the details thereof?

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

(b) Work of construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of Level Crossing (LC) No. 53-A between Samastipur—Karpurigram section of East Central Railway has been sanctioned on cost sharing basis with State Government at a total cost of ₹ 22.95 crores (Railway's share as ₹ 9.68 crores and State Government's share as ₹ 13.27 crores).

Automated system for cleaning toilets and tracks

1466. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have an automated system in place to clean toilets and tracks;

(b) if so, whether cleaning staff is employed by Railways to clean toilets and tracks; and

(c) if so, the number thereof and the wages Railways provide to such staff members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) All major stations, including toilets have been provided with mechanism of cleaning contracts, rag picking and garbage disposal contracts covering cleaning of toilets and tracks.

At stations where cleaning is not out-sourced, departmental cleaning system is in place. Moreover, to improve the standard of cleanliness, public toilets at some railway

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