

(b) A new train halt at Nedumbassery near Cochin International Airport between Angamali and Chovvara station in Ernakulam Jn.-Trichur section was sanctioned in 2010-11 at a cost of ₹ 93 lakh. The work is held up due to public opposition against closure of level crossing no. 64 at the proposed location.

Controlling air pollution at railway stations, yards etc.

1476. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have formulated any comprehensive and more reliable environment policy for controlling air pollution at railway stations, yards, work places, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Zonal Railways are expected to abide by State/Central Government Pollution laws. Zonal Railways have advised the Railway sidings to take appropriate actions, as required, such as (i) arranging sprinklers for water sprays in the stacking area (ii) provision of dust screens/green cover, wherever possible, to minimise air pollution at goods sheds/sidings.

Linking district headquarters of Odisha with Railway

1477. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many district headquarters of Odisha are linked with railway; and

(b) whether Government proposes to link Jagatsinghpur district headquarter with Railway *via* Naugaon, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) 20 District headquarters of Odisha are connected with Railway.

(b) There is no proposal to connect Jagatsinghpur district headquarter with Railway *via* Naugaon at present.