

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) A total of 751 reserved passengers were travelling in 11 reserved coaches of Train No. 19321 which met with an accident near Kanpur. Since unreserved tickets are not train specific, it is not possible to furnish the details of unreserved passengers travelling in the train.

(b) A total of 152 passengers including children, for whom no berth was booked, died in the accident. However, out of 751 passengers travelling on confirmed/RAC accommodation, 98 passengers died while 653 survived.

(c) State-wise data of passengers travelling is not maintained.

(d) No compensation has been paid by Railways. However, *ex-gratia* amount of ₹98,90,000 has been paid by Railways to the family members of the passengers who lost their lives and to the passengers who sustained injuries in the accident. In addition, an *ex-gratia* amount of ₹17,00,000 has also been paid under Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

#### **Rail Radio service in trains**

2867. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to introduce Rail Radio service in trains, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the uses of this system in coordinating the Railways with the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As announced by the Minister of Railways in the Railway Budget 2016-17, it is proposed to provide train borne entertainment by installing Public Address systems in trains. Details have not been finalized but no expense is envisaged by Railways as the services are to be operated by selected licensees, through commercial advertisements.

#### **Railway projects in Bihar and Jharkhand**

†2868. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the on-going railway projects in Bihar and Jharkhand during the last three years;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.