

Corporation Ltd. (NBCC). The names of stations to be developed under this scheme are not finalized.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Leasing out of spaces at railway stations to e-commerce companies**

3495. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to lease out the abandoned buildings at railway stations as warehouse spaces to e-commerce companies to make their pick-up points, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the other incentives proposed to be given to e-commerce companies in this way, the details thereof?

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

**Train accident near Kanpur**

3496. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to rethink about safety in Railways in view of the recent train accident near Kanpur, if so, the details thereof;

(b) when were the tracks, where the derailment took place, last inspected;

(c) whether Government has any plan to ensure safety in railways; and

(d) the number of deaths due to train accidents reported during last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Improvement in train safety is a continuous process. Constant upgradation of technology is being incorporated in all spheres of Railway operations and infrastructure to prevent accidents and to enhance safety.

(b) The track, where Train No. 19321 Dn. Indore-Rajendra Nagar (Patna Express) derailed on 20.11.2016, was last inspected on 19.11.2016 through Night Foot Plate, and Ultrasonic Flaw Detection (USFD) testing of rails was done on 18.10.2016.

(c) Safety is accorded the highest priority by Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on a continual basis to prevent accidents and to enhance safety. These include replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signalling and interlocking systems, safety drives, greater emphasis on training of officials and inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices. Safety devices/systems being used to prevent accidents include complete track circuiting, provision of Block Proving Axle Counters (BPAC), Auxiliary Warning System (AWS), Colour Light LED Signals, Vigilance Control Device (VCD), Usage of 60kg rails and Pre-stressed Concrete Sleepers, Long rail panels, Better welding technology, Progressive use of Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) Coaches, Centre Buffer Couplers with Integral Coach Factory (ICF) Coaches, etc.

(d) Number of persons who lost their lives in consequential train accidents including persons who lost their lives at Unmanned Level Crossings (UMLC) mainly caused due to negligence of road vehicle users during the last five years *i.e.* 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 are given below:—

Year	Loss of Lives*
2011-2012	319
2012-2013	204
2013-2014	152
2014-2015	292
2015-2016	122
TOTAL	1089*

\*During the last five years *i.e.* 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 out of 1089, 613 persons (road users) lost their lives in incidents at Unmanned Level Crossings (UMLC) caused due to negligence of road vehicle users.

#### **Container depot at Jamshedpur in Jharkhand**

3497. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is only one container depot of the Container Corporation of India operating in Jharkhand at Jamshedpur;

(b) the incoming and outgoing container business done by the depot, year-wise, for the last three years, *viz.*, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16; and

(c) whether this depot has any programme for handling steel items from M/s Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd., if so, the expected date of commencement?