

(c) the number of rakes that could not be utilised through Darsana and Benapole during April, May, June and July, 2018; and

(d) the amount of loss of railway traffic, and loss of railway's revenue, national loss and loss of foreign exchange due to decrease in export traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) The quota for loading of commodities for Bangladesh is given as per extant rules.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Beautification and modernisation of Kharagpur and Balichak stations

2055. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has any plan for beautification and modernisation of Kharagpur and Balichak stations under SER;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Kharagpur is a Non Suburban Grade-2 category station and beautification of Kharagpur station (Painting) has been done by local artist. All the amenities/facilities have already been provided at this station as per norms.

Further, for modernisation of Kharagpur station, provision of 2nd Foot Over Bridge, 6.1M wide with ramp of 6.1 M wide at both side entrance with 3 Nos. of ramps 3M wide from Platform Nos. 2, 5 & 6 and 7 & 8 has been sanctioned. Renovation of platform surface, water vats, replacement of damage platform shelter, construction of 2 Nos. ground reservoirs, improvement of circulating area and booking office at both side entrance have been included in umbrella works for 2018-19.

Further, stainless steel water booth, land scaping and green patches are also being provided at Kharagpur station.

Also Balichak station has already been developed as Adarsh station. All the work as per norms of Adarsh station has already been completed at this station. All these works have been planned for completion by 2019-20.

Construction of road overbridge at Tori railway station

2056. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have any proposal for construction of road overbridge on railway crossing at Tori railway station in Latehar, Jharkhand; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the current status of the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Construction of Road Over bridge *in lieu* of level crossing No.12/A/T between Tori and Mahuamilan station falls on National Highway. Therefore, the same is to be constructed by National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) at their own cost on single entity basis as per Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on 10.11.2014 between Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH).

Making railway stations in Maharashtra disabled-friendly

2057. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make all the railway stations of Maharashtra disabled-friendly within a time-frame; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Provisions of Passenger Amenities facilities for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) are to be provided at all stations over Indian Railways including those in the State of Maharashtra.

In order to provide better accessibility to Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), following short term facilities and long terms facilities have been planned at all stations, beginning within Non Suburban Group (NSG) NSG-1 to NSG-4 category stations: