

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOGAIN): (a) and (b) Modernisation/improvements of railway track on the Railways is a continuous process. The various steps taken by Railways in this regard are as under:—

Laying of track structure consisting of 60 kg/90 Ultimate Tensile Strength (UTS) rails on Pre-stressed Reinforced concrete (PSC) sleepers with 1660 sleepers per km at the time of renewals, laying of longer rails, minimizing the use of Alumino Thermic Welding and adoption of better welding technology for rails *i.e.* Flash Butt Welding, use of thick web switches and weldable Cast Manganese Steel (CMS) crossings, using improved fittings, maintenance of track with the help of track machines, Ultrasonic testing of rails to detect flaws, etc.

In last five years, about 14613 track km Railway track have been renewed.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Track maintenance practices/latest technology as well as safety norms of advanced foreign Railways are shared/adopted on Indian Railways as per requirement by attending various international conferences, seminars by Indian Railway delegates and visits abroad.

Introduction of AYUSH system in Railway hospitals

†1429. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to introduce AYUSH system of medicine in all Railway hospitals across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States in which Railway hospitals have been selected during the first phase of the scheme and by when patients would start getting benefit from this scheme; and

(d) the time-frame for providing the said facility in all the Railway hospitals across the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) No, Sir. It is introduced in selected hospitals of Railways.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Indian Railways is already providing AYUSH treatment in the following

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hospitals: (i) B.R.Singh Hospital, Eastern Railway, Kolkata (West Bengal) (ii) Central Hospital, Northern Railway (Delhi) (iii) Central Hospital, Maligaon, Guwahati, Northeast Frontier Railway (Assam) (iv) Central Hospital, Perambur, Southern Railway (Tamil Nadu) and (v) Jagjivan Ram Hospital, Western Railway, Mumbai (Maharashtra).

(d) No such time frame has been decided.

POH electric works and engine repairing workshop at Dabhoi, Gujarat

†1430. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of establishing POH electric works and electronic engine repairing workshop factory in Dabhoi region of Vadodara in Gujarat had been approved by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount spent so far out of ₹ 300 crore allocated in this regard; and

(d) the works executed so far in this regard and the per centage of works completed along with the details of the works accomplished?

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

(b) A work for setting up of new Periodical Overhauling Shop for electric locos at Dabhoi has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹ 117.88 crores. Land for this project has already been acquired.

(c) So far, ₹ 35.76 crore has been spent.

(d) Land for the project has already been acquired. For execution on fast track, this work has been allotted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited.

Fog safety devices

1431. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway passengers face great difficulty, especially during winter

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