

Sadan and Maidan Railway stations on the up line in the underground section at about 17.02 hrs. on 27.12.2018. As per provisional findings of Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS)/Eastern Circle, Kolkata, the fire was caused by short circuit between 'Third Rail Current Collector' (TRCC) with Axle box bracket resulting in fire due to which rubber air spring also got fire. Error of design of TRCC, inadequate protection of TRCC and cables up to junction box and placement of flammable part (air spring) close to TRCC are the cause of the short circuit.

(c) New rolling stocks are being added replacing over aged rolling stock. New rolling stock shall have TRCC away from the rubber air spring. Fuse unit shall be placed on the TRCC to enhance protected zone between high speed circuit breaker (HSCB) and TRCC. Video monitoring and surveillance system shall be provided in the existing AC rake of DC propulsion and all upcoming new rakes of 03 phase propulsion shall have similar provision. Work shall be carried out for detection of fire in the 15 kilometer tunnel and detection of fire and smoke at the 24 stations with integration to the central control.

Railway line from Hajipur to Mahua

†737. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently approved Samastipur railway line from Hajipur to Mahua;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work of Mahua railway line has been started; and

(d) the progress made so far in Mahua railway block and by when this railway line would be started, along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) No, Sir. At present, Hajipur-Mahua is not a sanctioned railway project. However, a Reconnaissance Engg-cum-Traffic Survey (RETS) for new line between Bhagwanpur and Samastipur *via* Mahua, Karpurigram, Tajpur (60 km.) has been taken up. Sanction/materialisation of this project depends upon its financial viability projected in survey report.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.