

down if expected detention is more than 30 minutes and thereby resulting in reduction of Green House Gases (GHG) emissions.

- Trailing locomotive of multi units (MU) hauling empty freight trains are switched off to save energy.
- Energy consumption on electric locomotives is regularly monitored through microprocessor based energy meters provided in all the electric locomotives and benchmarking is done based on average energy consumption.
- Monitoring the fuel consumption with respect to trip ration of diesel locomotive driver.
- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) has been provided in 986 diesel locomotives to reduce fuel consumption when locomotive is idle.
- Monitoring of idling of diesel locomotives is being done through remote monitoring and management of Locomotives and trains (called as REMMLLOT). 2606 locomotives at present are equipped with REMMLLOT.
- Use of 5% bio-diesel in traction fuel-Blending of bio-diesel with HSD, to the extent of 5%, to save HSD.
- 20% Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) substitution in DEMUs -CNG usage emits less GHG than liquid fuels. Indian Railways have the distinction of being the only railway in the world to be using CNG run power cars for passenger transportation. IR has also started conversion of DEMU Driving Power Car (DPC) into dual fuel mode DEMU/DPC with CNG. 25 number of DPCs have been converted and are under operation.

(c) Does not arise.

**Difficulties in implementation of railway
schemes of Konkan Railway**

†875. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS to be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is facing many difficulties in implementation of various Railway schemes of Konkan Railway;

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- (b) if so, the details of the difficulties being faced; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by Government to do away with above difficulties for completing the pending projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Stoppage of Matsyagandha Express at
Kankavali railway station**

†876. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received requests for stoppage of Matsyagandha Express' at Kankavali railway station in Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Konkan region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by Government on the above requests?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Demands, regarding provision of stoppages of additional trains at Kankavali have been received. The feasibility of stoppage of additional trains at Kankavali has been examined, but have not been found operationally feasible, at present. In addition, 13 pair of Mail/Express and 02 pair of passenger trains have stoppage at Kankavali station. However, provision of stoppages is an on-going process on Indian Railways.

**General class coaches in mail/express
and superfast trains**

877. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per Railway Budget 2007-08, Railways endeavour to provide six general class coaches in all mail/express and superfast trains;
- (b) if so, the details of the mail/express and superfast trains running with less than six second sitting general coaches;
- (c) whether Government proposes to make it mandatory for all mail/express and superfast trains to run with at least six general class coaches;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and

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