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Relief to Rajdhani Express accident victims

418. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent accident of Rajdhani Express near Gaya in September last revealed some serious lapses with regard to relief and rescue operations for the accident victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the reasons for the lapses have been identified;

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to draw up a plan for remedial and corrective action for tackling such contingencies;

(e) whether there is a proposal to acquire helicopters for the purpose; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Funds for rail projects in Tamil Nadu

419. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Railways is allocating very meagre amount for the ongoing railway projects in Tamil Nadu including HRTS of Gauge conversion as compared to other States;

(b) if so, whether Government would allot sufficient funds to speed up the railway projects in the State in future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) During 2002-03, funds to various ongoing projects, under plan head new lines, gauge conversion, doubling and Railway Electrification, have been allocated State-wise based on a rational formula as mentioned in the Budget Speech. Funds to projects in Tamil Nadu have also been allocated accordingly.

Model railway stations

420. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of stations developed as model stations, as on date;

(b) whether the Indian Railways have recently selected some railway stations to be upgraded as model stations with better amenities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the fund allocations made therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) A State-wise list of stations which have been developed as Model Station is given in the Statement. (See below)

(b) No new station has been selected as Model Station in the last 6 months.

(c) Do not arise.

Statement

'State-wise' list of stations developed as 'Model Stations'

State	Names of stations
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada, Guntakal, Rajahmundry, Secunderabad, Visakhapatnam
Assam	Guwahati, Dibrugarh Town
Chhattisgarh	Raipur
Delhi	New Delhi