

[*Translation*]

Transportation of Goods

2689. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Members of Parliament and other organisations have made demand to fix the rail routes and freight for transportation of goods by the nearest route from Bhatapar (Bilaspur Division of South Eastern Railway) to Gorakhpur (North Eastern Railway);

(b) whether the wagons are not made available to cement factories of Raipur, Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Bhopal Railway Station

2690. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position in regard to the development of the Bhopal and Habibganj railway stations at Bhopal;

(b) the development plan during 1993-94 and how much of it has been achieved in financial and physical terms; and

(c) the development plans envisaged for 1994-95 and 1995-96 in financial and physical terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (c). At Bhopal Railway Station, works of provision of washable apron on platforms Nos. 3 & 4, additional seating arrangements on platforms, additional booking counters, pictograms & extension of platform shelters; sanitization of latrines on platform no. 2 and improvements to carriage watering arrangements on platform no. 3 & 4 have been completed so far during 1993-94 at a cost of Rs. 63.30 lakh. The work of provision of 110 volt battery charging facilities has also been taken up at a cost of Rs. 9.46 lakh. For the future years also, development works would be taken up when so warranted by the traffic requirements subject to the availability of funds.

At Habibganj, the work of development of Coaching Terminal Facilities has been taken up at a cost of Rs. 770.11 lakh. The building has already been completed. Construction of platforms and circulating area are held up on account of State Government not having removed the encroachments on the land required for these works.

[*Translation*]

Train from Patna to Delhi

2691. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce fast trains from Patna, Samastipur and Ranchi of Bihar to New Delhi; and

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