

(b) The revenue earning tonnage lifted and the earnings realised during the last three years is as under:—

	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
	Actuals	Actuals	Approximates
Tonnes lifted (in millions)	210.8	199.6	194.0
Goods earnings (in crores of Rs.)	1348.45	1305.41	1447.95

(Revised estimates)

(c) Apart from closely monitoring the movement on a day to day basis at the railways' as well as Railway Board's level, coordination is also being maintained with various concerned agencies to improve wagon turn round.

Laying of new siding

1928. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress, if any, has been made (i) in laying the new siding, and (ii) 8 KM line for the Titanium Complex in Chavara region; and

(b) the progress made as regards engineering surveys of the above siding and line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). Engineering survey for the laying of the broad gauge siding line to the Titanium Complex has been completed. Twenty five per cent progress has been achieved so far in laying the siding line.

Sealdah-Bongaon Section

1929. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of work of the doubling project of Sealdah-Bongaon Section of the Eastern Railway; and

(b) when, the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) 35 per cent as on 29th February, 1980.

(b) 31st December, 1981 subject to availability of funds, materials etc.

Passenger Train Services on Ahmedabad-Bombay/Bombay-Delhi Section

1930. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to improve amenities/facilities or to augment passenger train services on Ahmedabad-Bombay section or Bombay-Delhi section of the Western Railway; and

(b) if so, the nature and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). In order to ease overcrowding on the Ahmedabad-Bombay section Double Decker Coaches which have 60 per cent more carrying capacity than the conventional coaches have been introduced on 21/22 Flying Ranee between Surat and Bombay. Augmentation of loads of the existing Mail/Express trains on Ahmedabad-Bombay Central and Bombay-Central-Delhi section is at present not operationally feasible for want of room on these trains which are running full load. Introduction of additional trains is also not feasible at present for line capacity constraints and lack of terminal/maintenance facilities in Bombay area.

Industrial Accidents during 1979

1931. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of workers who were killed and maimed due to