

- STRATEGY :** (i) Mobilize support for tiger conservation at the political and policy making level;
- (ii) Generate Grassroots support through local communities for tiger conservation;
- (iii) Develop support mechanisms for tiger conservation.

ACTION PLAN : Implementation of this strategy will be started through a two-year Action Plan which comprises the following main activities :

1. Influence policy and decision making
2. Mobilize grassroots support in the tiger range areas.
3. Assist and strengthen enforcement measures
4. Generate greater awareness and mobilize public support.
5. Facilitate international cooperation

(c) WWF's Action Plan is for the organisation's own activities. The Govt. of India's National Tiger Action Plan envisages, inter-alia, collaborative activities with voluntary bodies and, to the extent feasible, Govt. of India is open to consider proposal for voluntary help from such bodies. The WWF's Action plan is conceptual in nature and has not indicated any specific activities for Sunderbans are in West Bengal though the overall objective will cover Sunderban area also.

[Translation]

Expenditure on Goods and Passengers Transportation

3142. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current rate of freight being charged for goods and passengers transportation by railways is less than the expenditure being incurred on the operation of the trains;

(b) whether the Government have prepared a comparable account of the freight and fares as against their operational expenditure incurred in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). In respect of coaching services (including passenger and parcel etc.) the earnings per vehicle kilometre is less than the cost of operation. However, in respect of goods services the earnings per net tonne kilometre is more

than the cost of operation for the year 1994-95 the relevant figures are as under :

Coaching services	Rs.
Cost per vehicle Kilometre	8.52
Earnings per vehicle kilometre	6.40
Goods services	
Cost per net tonne kilometre	0.38
Earnings per net tonne kilometre	0.55

[English]

Goods and Parcels Handling Contract

3143. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the General Manager, South Eastern Railway appointed Shri H.K. Padhee as Sole Arbitrator to settle the disputes/claims relating to Goods and Parcels handling contract at Itwari and a group of other stations;

(b) the details of disputes/claims referred by the General Manager together with the break-up of amount awarded by the Arbitrator;

(c) whether the award to the arbitrator was binding on both the parties as per specific clause provided in the agreement;

(d) whether prior approval of the General manager was obtained by the Chief Commercial Manager in writing before calling the party for negotiation after publication of the award; and

(e) whether this system of holding negotiation after publication of award is still being followed in the South East Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of disputes/claims referred by the General Manager together with the break-up of amount awarded by the Arbitrator is as under:-

(1) Dispute/Claim referred by General Manager to Arbitrator-	Rs.
(i) Amount payable to contractor due to upward revision in casual labour rate as notified from time to time during the period from 1.2.87 to 30.4.88	4,40,221.00
(ii) Amount payable to contractor due to upward revision in casual labour rate as notified from time to time during the period 1.5.88 to 31.1.89 and further extended upto 2.8.91	18,95,878.00
(iii) Interest @ 18% p.a. on (i) & (ii) above	6,30,000.00
Total	29,66,099.00