

- (5) Plain clothed B.P.F./C.I.D. staff are detailed at vulnerable sectors to shadow gang members responsible.
- (6) C.R.P. men are escorting important passenger trains to prevent crimes in trains.

Condition of Coaches on Sealdah Bangaon Line

5398. SHRI M. S. PURTY;
SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the coaches in Sealdah Bangaon line are without any light and fans; and

(b) whether any enquiry has been made in this regard and if so, the findings thereof?

THE DY. MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) No However there is a deficiency of about 85 per cent of fans Constant watch is kept on these deficiencies and gradual replacements are undertaken. Frequent thefts and miscreant activities also contribute to these deficiencies.

Trains cancelled as a result of Mass-Movement in Bihar during the last Ten months

5399. SHRI M. S. PURTY;
SHRI N. E. HORO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some trains were cancelled as a result of mass-movement in Bihar during the last ten months;

(b) whether Government have made any assessment regarding the loss suffered as a result thereof; and

(c) the additional amount that Government had to spend for the protection of trains during this period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, a total of 242 pairs of passenger trains and 979 goods trains were cancelled as a result of agitations in Bihar, area during May, 1974 to February, 1976.

(b) Yes, Rs. 57.80 lakhs approximately.

(c) Nil.

Accidents in Sealdah Division during 1972 and 1973

5400. SHRI M. S. PURTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of the accidents in Sealdah Division during 1972 and 1973; and

(b) action taken in each case, year-wise and the result achieved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) During the calendar year 1972, there were 14 train accidents i.e. 2 collisions, 10 derailments and 2 cases of fires on Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway There were only 9 trains derailments during the calendar year 1973.

(3) Thorough enquiries were held into all these accidents and appropriate remedial measures were taken to prevent recurrence of similar accidents. In addition, checks and drives were conducted for inculcating safety consciousness amongst the railway staff. Consequently, the number of train accidents came down to 9 in 1973 against 14 during 1972. The improvement was sustained during 1974 also.

Senior Personnel of O. & N.G.C. in Gujarat

5401. SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of senior people of different categories working in Oil