

| Year | Net Tonne Kilometre/ wagon day (Broad Gauge) | Wagon Kilometre/ wagon day (Broad Gauge) |
|---------|--|--|
| 1990-91 | 1407 | 110.5 |
| 1991-92 | 1439 | 113.2 |
| 1992-93 | 1457 | 116.4 |
| 1993-94 | 1506 | 125.0 |
| 1994-95 | 1591 | 138.0 |
| 1995-96 | 1792 | 151.2 |
| 1996-97 | 1840 | 157.8 |

Net tonne kilometre/wagon day has increased by 30.7% between 1990-91 and 1996-97 while wagon kilometre/wagon day has gone up by 43% during the same period indicating significant improvement in wagon utilisation and wagon mobility. Therefore, the question of loss does not arise.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

[English]

Gauge Conversion of Khagaria-Samastipur Rail Line

3102: PROF AJIT KUMAR MEHTA
SHRI BIJOY KUMAR BIJOY
SHRI HIRA LAL ROY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No. 2293 on June 11, 1998 regarding Gauge Conversion of Khagaria-Samastipur Rail line and state

(a) whether the necessary clearance has been obtained;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay alongwith other formalities required by the Government for expeditious undertaking of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The survey had not been completed when the work was included in the Budget. Subsequently, the survey report has been received, finalised and is being sent to the Planning Commission for their appraisal. Once this has been done by them then further consideration of the project

by the Expanded Board and thereafter by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs will become possible.

Additions to Fleet

3103. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken steps to phase out old aircraft and inoperative Helicopters and add new aircraft to meet growing traffic load on various routes both domestic and international; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of new aircrafts added by Indian Airlines and Air India during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Expansion/renewal of fleet by the airlines is a continuing exercise and depends on various factors, the most important ones being the resources of the airlines, traffic requirements, suitability of the aircraft type and viability of operations of various sectors/routes.

Air India has inducted two B747-400 aircraft into its fleet during the last three years.

Indian Airlines has not inducted any new aircraft into its fleet during the last three years.

Derailments

3104. SHRI S. SUDHAKAR REDDY :
SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether two incident of derailments were occurred one of Hyderabad-Narsapur Express near Sattenapalli of Guntur District on October 8, 1988 and another of Intercity Express between Hyderabad and Guntur on October 15, 1998;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(c) the number of persons killed/injured therein;

(d) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details of two derailments are as under :-

(1) There was a derailment of 7056 Hyderabad-Narsapur Express on 8.10.1998 between Sattenapalli-Pedakurapadu stations on Vijayawada Division of South Central Railway.