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Title : Poor conditions of trains plying on narrow guage from Pathankot to Joginder Nagar.

PROF. CHANDER KUMAR (KANGRA): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to apprise the hon. Railway Minister of the condition of the trains which are plying on narrow gauge from Pathankot to Joginder Nagar. Their condition is becoming pathetic. The passenger bogies are in a dilapidated condition. Rain water pours in the compartments, and they require immediate repair and maintenance. The toilets in the trains are not maintained properly. Seven trains are running up and down daily on this track. The condition of the engines is not satisfactory and there is frequent breakdown of engines on the way. It requires immediate replacement of old engines with new engines. These engines are functioning for the last 35 to 40 years which have completed their life term.

The Kangra Valley is famous for temple tourism. A lot of pilgrims visit Kangra Temple and Jawalamukhi Temple during *navratras* from the adjoining States of UP, Bihar and other States.

Keeping in view the difficulties of the pilgrims and tourists, the Railway authorities should take immediate steps for improvement of the Railway network from Pathankot to Joginder Nagar. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Hiten Barman. If you want to speak in Bengali in future, there is no bar. You give notice. You can speak now.

SHRI HITEN BARMAN : Sir, I gave the notice.

MR. SPEAKER: I will find out.