

(IID) Scheme was launched in 1994. The scheme provides for Central grant upto Rs. 2 crore for each projects (Rs. 4 crore for NE Region, HP, J & K and Uttarakhand.)

(c) and (d) There is no proposal under the IIUS to set up hubs for various sectors as the scheme aims to enhance competitiveness of existing clusters by providing quality infrastructure under PPP approach.

Railway project in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

†818. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations and railway lines to be set up/laid by Government in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh;

(b) the specific steps Government would take to complete the old projects soon; and

(c) the action plan Government is formulating to complete the Guna-Itawah line pending since long and the amount spent on the same so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) 99 stations on 5 new lines in Madhya Pradesh and 6 stations on 1 new line in Chhattisgarh are proposed to be set up.

(b) The projects will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. Efforts are being made to generate additional funds through Public Private Partnership, State sharing and extra funds for National Projects for expediting progress of projects.

(c) The 308 km stretch from Guna to Bhind has already been completed. Work has been taken up on Bhind- Etawah section and contracts for all the important bridges finalized. The land acquisition in Madhya Pradesh is being perused. An expenditure of Rs. 405.27 crore has been incurred on this project upto 31.03.2009. The work is likely to take about 2 years for completion.

Video/TV facilities in trains

819. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide Video/TV facilities in trains;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made in this regard;

(c) whether any comparative study, regarding such facilities by train service providers in other countries, have been made; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Broad guidelines have been issued to the Zonal Railways for installation of on board audio/video information

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