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Rail link from Hoshiarpur to Pathankot

3016. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there exists a rail link from Hoshiarpur to Pathankot via Jalandhar;
- (b) whether there is a demand from the public at large to start DMU service from Hoshiarpur to Pathankot;
- (c) if so, by when it would get started; and
- (d) whether it is fact that no additional economic burden would be born, if this train is started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There exists a rail link from Hoshiarpur to Pathankot via Jalandhar and requests to start train services have been received. However, presently there is no proposal to introduce DMU service from Hoshiarpur to Pathankot.

(d) Running of any additional train depends upon availability of resources, manpower, operational feasibility and commercial justification.

Beautification of Ghaziabad railway station

3017. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan for beautification and upgradation of Ghaziabad/New Ghaziabad railway stations in the wake of Commonwealth Games, 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is also aware that there is no sitting space for VVIPs at the station;

- (d) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) Ghaziabad and New Ghaziabad are 'A' and 'D' category stations respectively wherein all essential amenities as per norms have been provided. Upgradation and beautification of a station is a continuous exercise and works in this regard are undertaken based on increase in passenger traffic and relative priorities. The work of upgradation/beautification of Ghaziabad station has already been completed. Keeping in view upcoming Commonwealth Games, works for provision of LED based information system for seat availability, fare display, time table display and coach guidance have also been taken up at Ghaziabad station.

For sitting of VIPs, arrangements exist in the office of Area officer/Ghaziabad. In addition, ladies & gents upper class waiting rooms are available at Ghaziabad railway station.

Mumbai urban transport project Phase-I

3018. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Mumbai Urban Transport Project, Phase-1 (MUTP) has not been completed so far;
- (b) the date of sanctioning the project, original cost and original schedule for completion;
- (c) the reasons for not completing the project as per schedule and steps taken to complete it; and
- (d) the revised cost of the project and also the revised schedule for completion?

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

(b) and (c) The Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP) Phase-I was sanctioned in the Railway Budget of 2003-04 with an original cost of Rs. 3125 crore. It was scheduled to be completed by June, 2008. Project was delayed due to following two major reasons: