

Survey of Railway Lines

†3987. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway lines for which survey was undertaken in accordance with the Railway Budget for the year 2004-05;
- (b) the progress made thereon;
- (c) by when the construction work would be started at the surveyed sites; and
- (d) the State-wise figures of the railway network in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) A total of 72 surveys/updates were undertaken for New Lines, Gauge Conversions and Doublings during Railway Budget 2004-05.

(b) Survey reports in respect of 31 surveys have been completed.

(c) Taking up of projects or otherwise would depend upon the survey reports.

(d) The State-wise figures of the Route Kms. of railways at the end of 2003-04 is given in the Railways Year Book 2003-04 which is distributed along with Railway Budget documents.

Items for sale in AC Coaches

3988. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the items/eatables permitted for sale in the AC coaches;
- (b) whether noodles are permitted to be served in AC coaches; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Standard meals, Breakfast, Tea/Coffee etc. and a-la-carte items are sold in AC Coaches.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.