

Survey work of rail lines

1993. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether survey works of the proposed Junagarh-Ambaguda, Khurda Road-Athagarh, Kantabanji-Khariar, Ambapani-Nabarangpur-Jeypore rail lines have been completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by when construction work on the above rail lines is likely to be taken-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) Field work of survey between Junagarh-Ambaguda and Khurda Road-Rajthagarh (Athagarh) have been completed and report is expected in 2010-11. Survey for Kantabanji-Khariar (Raj khariar)-Ampani-Nabarangpur-Jeypore is in progress. These projects are yet to be sanctioned.

Earning of Railways through sale of tickets

1994. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the value of tickets which were sold from railway booking counters and internet during 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 and earning of railways therefrom, zone-wise and class-wise;
- (b) the details of district headquarters which have round the clock arrangements of selling tickets in addition to zonal headquarters in each railway zone, where unreserved tickets are being sold round the clock, zone-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to open round the clock reservation counters in each zone and division to book tickets at these counters for the passengers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Data on railway zone-wise and class-wise earnings of Indian Railways from passengers carried for the years 2008-09 and 2009-10 is given in Statement (*See* below). Data for 2010-11 will be available after 31.03.2011.

(b) At all the District Headquarters where Railhead is available and train services during night hours are also available, round the clock unreserved tickets are sold. Round the clock booking facility is also available at the serving railway stations of all the Zonal Railway's Headquarters.

(c) and (d) At present, there is no proposal to open round the clock reservation counters. However, the facility for booking reserved tickets through internet is available from 00.30 hours to 23.30 hours.