

- (ii) Rajkot-Veraval: No doubling of this section has been sanctioned.
- (iii) Rajkot-Viramgam: Doubling of Viramgam-Surendernagar section (65.26 km.) has been included in the Budget 2010-11 at anticipated cost of Rs. 271.88 crore. Preliminary activities like preparation of Plan, Final Location Survey etc., have been taken up. An outlay of Rs. 5 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2010-11. Survey for Surendernagar-Rajkot section has also been taken up.
- (iv) Rajkot-Okha: No doubling of this section has been sanctioned.

#### **Rail projects in Uttarakhand**

†1986. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether rail lines for Rishikesh- Karnaprayag, Ramnagar-Chokhutia, Tanakpur-Bageshwar were sanctioned in Uttarakhand in last budget;
- (b) whether survey work for these railway lines has completed;
- (c) if so, by when construction work will start; and
- (d) if not, by when survey work of said railway lines will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Only Rishikesh-Karanprayag new line project was sanctioned in Railway Budget 2010-11.

(b) to (d) Surveys for Ramnagar-Chokhutia and Tanakpur-Bageshwar new lines have been taken up. On sanctioned project of Rishikesh-Karanprayag new line, preliminary activities like final location survey, preparation of plans and estimates have been taken up. Construction activities will commence after sanction of plans and estimates.

#### **Stoppage of Garib Rath at Sedam and Chittapur**

1987. SHRI K.B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to stop the Garib Rath train at Sedam and Chittapur stations;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the above Garib Rath train passes through Sedam and Chittapur Taluk; and
- (d) if so, the reasons behind not to stop the above train in these stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) No, Sir. There is a station named Seram and not Sedam on

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

South Central Railway and 2735/2736 Yesvantpur-Secunderabad Garib Rath Express passes through Seram and Chittapur. Stoppage of this train at Seram and Chittapur has not been found commercially justified.

### **Rail projects in Uttarakhand**

1988. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the new proposals to lay rail lines in Uttarakhand;
- (b) the budget and the route of such railway lines;
- (c) the names, routes and revenue generated by trains connecting various cities of Uttarakhand with Delhi and other cities of India; and
- (d) whether there is any new proposal to introduce steam engined short distance trains in hills of Uttarakhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Construction of Deoband-Roorkee (27.45 km.) new line (via Jhabrera), Kichcha-Khatima (57.7 km.) new line (via Sitarganj) and Rishikesh-Karanprayag (125 km.) new line (via Devprayag and Rudraprayag) have been taken up in Uttarakhand. Outlays of Rs. 40 crore each for Deoband-Roorkee and Rishikesh-Karanprayag new line projects and Rs. 20 crore for Kichcha-Khatima new line project have been provided in 2010-11.

- (c) Details are given in Statement (*See* below).
- (d) There is no such proposal at present.

### ***Statement***

#### ***Details of Railways link to Uttarakhand***

Cities of Uttarakhand like Dehradun, Haridwar, Kathgodam, Rishikesh and Kotdwar are connected to important cities of the country like Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Gorakhpur, Indore, Ujjain, Sriganaganagar, Puri etc. through the following trains:—

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| 1. | 2017/2018  | Dehradun-New Delhi Shatabadi Express          |
| 2. | 2055/2056  | Dehradun-New Delhi Jan Shatabadi Express      |
| 3. | 2205/2206  | Nizamuddin-Dehradun AC Express                |
| 4. | 4041/4042  | Delhi-Sarai Rohilla-Dehradun-Mussorie Express |
| 5. | 4041/4042A | Delhi-Sarai Rohilla-Kotdwara link Express     |
| 6. | 4043/4044  | Kotdwara-Delhi Garhwal Express                |
| 7. | 5013/5014  | Delhi-Kathgodam-Ranikhet Express              |