

(b) When the Pension Fund was set up in 1964, it was preceded by calculations by the Government Actuary. Thereafter, actuarial calculations were done in 1974. However, the appropriations to the Pension Fund are being done out of operating surplus on 'Pay as you go' basis.

(c) The following zonal railways are having adverse balances as on 31.3.2004 in the Pension Fund:

1. Central
2. Eastern
3. Northern
4. North Eastern
5. Southern
6. South Central
7. South Western.

Banspani-Daitari railway line

980. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a move to take away Banspani-Daitari railway line from East Coast Railway to South Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the projected revenue potential of this railway line and to what extent the loss of this revenue will affect the viability of the East Coast Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. However, Train Operation on the completed portion of the Banspani-Daitari rail line, which at present has connectivity only with South Eastern Railway, will be managed temporarily by South Eastern Railway due to operational convenience and this arrangement will continue till connectivity with East Coast Railway is established.

(b) Does not arise. Viability of a Railway is not measured on the basis of its earnings.