

In last 4 year upto 2004-05 total 18948 Km. of track renewal works have been completed.

(b) The track renewal due as on 1.4.2001 to the extent of 16538 km. has been sanctioned under Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF) and all these works are planned to be completed by 31.3.2007.

(c) The works becoming due for renewal from 1.4.2001 onwards are funded by Depreciation Reserve Fund (DRF).

Railway projects in Uttaranchal

2532. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects in the State of Uttaranchal sanctioned and undertaken during the last two years;

(b) the total funds allocated and spent on these projects;

(c) the details of new railway projects formulated and to be taken up for the development in this behalf in this State; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) and (b) The work of new line from Kichha to Khatima (57.70 Kilometres) was included in the Supplementary Budget 2003-04 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 165.67 crore. The final location survey has been completed. Land acquisition work has been taken up. The expenditure up to March, 2005 is Rs. 0.11 crore. An outlay of Rs. 5 crore has been proposed during 2006-07.

(c) and (d) No new projects have been formulated for being taken up. However, a survey for doubling from Laksar to Dehradun (79 Kilometres) has been taken up a a survey for new line from Tanakpur to Ghat Bageswar (110 Kilometres) has been proposed in the budget 2006-07.

Germ-free drinking water at New Delhi station

2533. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether passengers at New Delhi railway station are not getting germ-free drinking water;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the cleaned water would be available to passengers at New Delhi railway station; and

(d) what measures are being taken by Government to take the cleanliness drive inside the trains and provide germ-free drinking water to the passengers in the compartments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Water which is being supplied is fit for drinking purpose and having the values of various parameters within desirable/maximum limits as per Bureau of Indian Standards Specification IS 10500: 1991.

(d) Following measures are undertaken to take the cleanliness drive inside the trains and provide germ-free drinking water to the passengers in the compartments:—

- * Rakes are cleaned during maintenance before the start of the journey. For periodic cleaning of coach toilets and removal of garbage etc. from running trains at identified intermediate stations, suitable mechanized process has been developed. This has been given the name 'Clean Train Station'. At seven stations this process has already been started and this number is expected to increase to 25 by 31.3.2007.
- * In Rajdhani and Shatabdi express trains, on board cleaning is done by escorting safaiwala staff deputed exclusively for this purpose.
- * One filtration plant (multi-grade filter) is provided on main distribution water supply line for water filtration.
- * Chlorination is being done regularly and residual chlorine is ensured at every tapping point by done proper testing.
- * All water tanks are cleaned regularly.
- * For further improvement, the work of providing electronic chlorinators and dual media filtration plants at a cost of Rs. 36 lakhs at New Delhi station has been sanctioned.