

No time limit for commencement of construction work can be committed at this stage as the same depends upon firming up of project alignment and availability of land.

Setting up of Polytechnics

762. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways has decided to set up five polytechnics in the country, including one at Rajkot under MoU with the Ministry of Human Resource Development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if so, by when they are likely to be set up; and
- (d) the expenditure earmarked to be incurred for setting-up of such polytechnics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Ministry of Railways have identified five locations for setting up Polytechnics, namely at Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Machlandpur (West Bengal), Vadodara (Gujarat), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh) and Hubli-Dharwad section (Karnataka).

- (c) Setting up of Polytechnics involves co-ordination with/approval of various other agencies. As such no time limit can be prescribed.
- (d) At present no funds have been earmarked.

Trains from Saurashtra to Kolkata N.E. Region

763. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Saurashtra region of Gujarat has very low/inadequate train facilities and representations have been made to the Ministry for operating new long distance trains from that region;
- (b) whether the Ministry has received representations from various public organizations for operating such new long distance trains for Kolkata N.E. region from that region;
- (c) if so, the action taken thereon; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) Trains over Indian Railways are not introduced on state-wise basis.