

#### **Setting up of hospitals/educational institutions on Railways' surplus land**

\*188. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the present status of setting up hospitals and educational institutions on Railways' surplus land?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) were signed by Ministry of Railways with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development for setting up of hospitals and educational institutions respectively, in February, 2010. An agency, which is associated with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in carrying out projects under Public Private Partnership (PPP) in Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), has been appointed as Transaction Adviser for carrying out the feasibility studies for development of the hospitals on Railway land.

Six new Civil Sector Kendriya Vidyalayas have been set up. In addition, Expression of Interest (EOI) has also been invited with an intention to evolve a model for setting up a Polytechnic at Machlandpur (West Bengal).

Further, in pursuance of Budget Announcement 2009-10, Railways have invited, Expression of Interest (EOIs) for five Medical Colleges viz. Kharagpur, Lucknow, Guwahati, Chennai and Secunderabad. Construction work for Nursing College at Majerhat (Kolkata) has also been started.

#### **High speed passenger corridor**

\*189. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any pre-feasibility survey for construction of high speed passenger corridor especially on Delhi-Chandigarh-Punjab route; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir, but not for Delhi-Chandigarh route.

(b) Railways have selected six corridors for prefeasibility studies in consultation with State Governments. The details of various studies are as under:

- (i) **Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor** - The Final Report submitted by the Consultant is under examination by all the stake holders including the State Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat.
- (ii) **Delhi-Agra-Lucknow-Varanasi-Patna** - The Consultant has been engaged, study in progress, Inception Report and Interim Report No. 1 submitted.
- (iii) **Howrah-Haldia** - The Consultant has been engaged, study in progress, Inception Report and Interim Reports No.1 and No.2 submitted.