

- (b) if so, the details thereof especially for Hyderabad;
- (c) the parameters adopted therefor; and
- (d) the demands still pending in this regard from each zone and State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 22203/22204 Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam AC Duronto Express, a tri-weekly service, has been announced in Railway Budget 2011-12.

(c) Introduction of new trains including Duronto Express on Indian Railways, depends *inter-alia* on traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources.

(d) Demands for introduction of new trains including Duronto services are received at various levels of Railway administration. The demands are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken. Besides, introduction of new trains on Indian Railways is an ongoing process. However, a compendium of such demands are not maintained.

#### **Sanction of rail lines**

600. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state by when Government would consider to sanction three rail lines *viz.* Rupsa Burhamara to Chakulia (35 km.), Nuapada Gunupur B.G. rail link to Theravali (75 km.) and Banspani Badabil rail link

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): Extension of Rupsa-Bangriposi line from Burhamara to Chakulia (50 km.) is a sanctioned project.

Updating Survey for Gunupur-Theravali has been taken up. Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for new railway line between Banspani and Badabil has been taken up. Further decision on the projects would be taken after scrutiny of survey reports.

#### **Bullet Train**

†601. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the progress made regarding the project of running bullet-train in the country with the assistance of Japan;
- (b) the details of the proposed routes for running of bullet trains in the country;
- (c) the details of the target set for the running of bullet trains;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.