

(a) whether Visakhapatnam Railway Division generates annual transport revenue of Rs. 4000 crore Rs. 2000 crore between Waltair and Secunderabad and Rs. 2000 crore between Waltair and Bhubaneswar, Odisha;

(b) whether this Rs. 4000 crore is diverted towards East Coast Railway with its Headquarters at Bhubaneswar; and

(c) the circumstances and facts under which the annual income of Rs. 2000 crore earned through transactions between Waltair and Secunderabad cannot be diverted to South Central Railway, Secunderabad, covering backward areas of Telangana region by merging Srikakulam and Vizag areas of Waltair Division with Vijayawada Division?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The total originating earnings of Waltair Division during 2011-12 is Rs. 4384 crores approximately. Waltair Division extends from Ichchapuram in North to Duvada in South. Originating earnings are compiled for Division as a whole on Indian Railways System. The existing system does not provide for segmental compilation of earnings. The units of earnings are station, division and the zone.

(b) No, Sir. The originating earnings of East Coast Railway includes the originating earnings generated from Waltair Division besides earning from other divisions. There is an elaborate system of apportionment of earnings based on the traffic carried over the geographical jurisdiction of a zone irrespective of origin.

(c) The apportionment of earnings amongst the railways is done on the basis of distance traversed between each pair of points as indicated above. An amount of Rs. 937 crores (approx) has been apportioned to South Central Railway by East Coast Railways from its originating earnings during 2011 -12 based on the above principle.

#### **Fund allocation for railway line in J&K**

4019. SHRI G. N. RATANPURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and expended on construction of Katra-Qazigund sector Railway line in Jammu and Kashmir during 2011-12;

(b) the funds allocated for this sector during 2012-13; and

(c) the funds further required for completion of Udhampur-Qazigund railway line and expected date of completion thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Katra-Qazigund is a part of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla new line project for which an outlay of Rs. 1100 crores was provided for 2011-12. An expenditure of Rs. 590.97 crores has been incurred on Katra-Qazigund section during 2011-12.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 1000 crores has been provided for Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla new line work for the year 2012-13.

(c) Estimated requirement of funds for completion of Udhampur-Qazigund rail link is Rs. 10041 crores. Udhampur-Katra and Qazigund-Banihal sections are targeted to be completed in 2012-13. Katra-Banihal section is targeted to be completed by December, 2017.

#### **Gauge conversion**

†4020. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a plan has been prepared for broad gauging of Balaghat, Nainpur, Jabalpur, Mandla Fort, and Nainpur- Chhindwara narrow gauge lines which fall under Nagpur area of South East Central Railway Division;

(b) if so, complete details of the quantum of fund provided for completion of the above line;

(c) whether approval for completion of these lines has been granted in different financial years;

(d) if so, the total amount allocated till date for this purpose and the separate details for each year thereof; and

(e) by when, the above project will be completed and the comprehensive details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI

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