

Land acquisition work for Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri railway line

1219. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the land acquisition work for the Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri railway line has been discontinued;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Railways propose to resume the process; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the construction work on the said project is likely to be started?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Construction in plain terrain *i.e.* on the first 3 km of the project has already been taken up after acquisition of the required land. Before initiating construction activity on hilly portion of the project, geological/geo-technical investigations have been taken up to ensure survivability of the alignment.

Model railway stations in Himachal Pradesh

1220. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for declaring a railway station as a model railway station;
- (b) the number of stations in Himachal Pradesh presently fulfilling these criteria;
- (c) whether some railway stations have not been declared model railway stations in Himachal Pradesh despite fulfilling these criteria; and
- (d) the names of railway stations in Himachal Pradesh declared as model railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The 'Model Station' scheme was in vogue between June, 1999 and November, 2008. Initially, one station per Division of Indian Railways was selected under the scheme. In the year 2006, the criteria was revised to include all 'A' and 'B' category stations, on the basis of the annual passenger earnings, under the scheme.

(b) to (d) Shimla railway station located in Himachal Pradesh was identified for development under the Model Station Scheme. The 'Model Station' scheme has been discontinued after November, 2008. Thereafter, scheme of Adarsh station has been introduced. Jwalaji railway station located in Himachal Pradesh has been selected for development under the 'Adarsh Station' scheme.