THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MUKUL ROY): (a) Pre-feasibility study for development of Royapuram station would be considered after the Railway Budget is passed by the Parliament.

(b) Royapuram Railway Station has an old building which is not classified as a heritage structure. Hence, at present, no action is being planned from heritage point of view for this station.

(c) As a part of Government's long term plan to decongest railway traffic in Chennai, Tambaram has been sanctioned as the third terminal, besides Chennai Central and Egmore that already exist as terminal stations. Pre-feasibility study for Royapuram station will be conducted, as announced in Budget 2012-13, as a part of decongestion plan.

Spending of funds for SSA

*334. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the funds allocated under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) have been spent on white-washing of school buildings;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether any specific and clear-cut instructions/guidelines have been issued to State Governments for spending of the funds allocated under SSA;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government proposes to take to ensure that the funds allocated under the scheme are utilised properly?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides support for a variety of interventions for universalisation of access and retention in elementary education, bridging gender and social category gaps in enrollment, and improving the quality of education. These include, *inter alia,* support for providing (i) new schools as per norms laid down under the State Rules of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, (ii). Special Training for out-of-school children to be mainstreamed in regular schools, (iii) textbooks and school uniforms for children as per the prescribed norms, (iv) additional teachers so that the pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) mandated under the RTE Act is maintained, (v) academic support through block and cluster resource centres for enhancing teacher capability to teach children, (vi) adequate classrooms and other facilities, such as drinking water, toilets as well as ramps for barrier free access to children with disabilities, (vii) school and teacher grants for procurement of local materials to enhance teaching-learning,

(viii) grants under the Innovation component of SSA for girls, SC, ST, minority, urban deprived children, early. childhood care and education, and computer aided learning, etc. SSA also provides an annual Maintenance Grant to keep the existing schools in good condition. Maintenance Grant is provided at the rate of Rs. 5000 per school for schools with three classrooms, and Rs. 10000 for schools with more than three classrooms. The Maintenance Grants are utilised for keeping the building in good condition, including for white-washing.

(c) to (e) The SSA Manual on Financial Management and Procurement (FMP) contains detailed procedures on fund flow arrangements, accounting, financial reporting, internal controls and audit, external audit, procurement procedures, etc. The FMP Manual is available on the website www.ssa.nic.in. SSA has a rigorous monitoring system, which includes *inter-alia*, annual audit by Chartered Accountants empanelled with the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, concurrent financial review by the Institute of Public Auditors of India (IPAI) as well as a system of internal audit. In addition, SSA conducts Quarterly Review Meetings with Finance Controllers of all States/UTs for monitoring the optimum utilization of funds, conducts periodic review meetings with States, monitors field level interventions through reputed institutes of social sciences and university departments of education, and undertakes independent review missions on programme progress.

Setting up of adarsh stations

*335. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)   by when the Ministry would set up Adarsh stations by upgrading Banspani, Bolangir, Jajpur-Keonjhar Road, Khurdha Road, Koraput Junction and Rayagada stations, announced in 2009-10; and Angul, Belpahar, Bobbili, Jakhpura, Jharsuguda, Lanjigarh Road, Lapanga, Meramundali, Rengali and Raghunathpur stations, announced in Railway Budget, 2010-11; and

(b)   the status of five multi-functional complexes announced to be established at Cuttack, Brahmapur, Jharsuguda, Rayagada and Sambalpur?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MUKUL ROY): (a) Banspani, Bolangir, Jajpur-Keonjhar Road, Khurda Road, Koraput Junction, Rayagada, Belpahar and Jharsuguda stations have already been developed under 'Adarsh' Station Scheme and all related works have been completed. At Angul, Bobbili, Jakhopura, Lanjigarh Road, Lapanga, Meramandali, Rengali and Raghunathpur, works for development under 'Adarsh' Station Scheme are planned for completion during 2012-13.

(b)   The development of Multi Functional Complexes (MFCs) at Cuttack, Brahmapur, Jharsuguda, Rayagada and Sambalpur has been entrusted to Rail Land