

**New DEMU shed at Sonapur, Bihar**

1995. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have sanctioned for establishment of new DEMU shed at Sonapur in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the status of the project;
- (c) the amount of budget of the project and the amount already allocated till February, 2012;
- (d) the completion schedule of the project; and
- (e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Civil infrastructure work is near completion. Machinery and Plants are being procured. Electrical and Signal and Telecommunication works are in Progress.

(c) Total sanctioned cost of the project is Rs. 21.75 crore and total cumulative expenditure for the project upto February, 2012 is Rs. 16.42 crore.

(d) and (e) the DEMU shed is likely to completed by the middle of 2012-13.

**Replacement of old railway lines**

1996. SHRI SABIR ALI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-replacement of old and outlived railway lines and poor maintenance of railway equipments could be ascribed as the factors responsible for train accidents involving Kalka Mail;

(b) whether C & AG in his report has referred to the poor maintenance and non filling of existing vital vacancies and had suggested for urgent need of the steps to be taken in the matter; and

(c) the length of old railway lines replaced with new ones during the last two years and the length of the old railway lines to be replaced in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI) : (a) A statutory inquiry has been conducted by the Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety (CCRS) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation based at Lucknow into derailment of Train No. 2311 Up Howrah-Kalka Mail on 10.07.2011 at Malwan station on Allahabad Division of North Central Railway. As per the CCRS' preliminary report, the accident occurred due to breakage of rail across the weld between