

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when does the Government proposes to complete this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. M/s Rail India Technical and Economics Services (RITES) had submitted a report on Commuter trains in Bangalore in 2009. Based on the report, State Government requested South Western Railway to operate trains in 9 corridors. South Western Railway (SWR) has introduced two commuter special trains in 2010. SWR could not meet the full requirements as given in RITES report due to severe bottleneck of infrastructure facilities and paths. The completion date of this project has not been fixed yet.

#### **Electrification work of railway lines**

3085. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of electrification work on Ghaziabad-Meerut-Muzaffarnagar-Saharanpur section;
- (b) the details of funds allocated/spent thereon; and
- (c) the time-frame set for completion of the said work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Electrification of Ghaziabad-Meerut-Muzaffarnagar-Saharanpur section is a part of Khurja-Meerut-Saharanpur including Ghaziabad-Meerut electrification project and work is in progress.

(b) Till 31.03.2012, ₹ 153.19 crores have been spent and ₹ 27.11 crores have been allocated during 2012-13.

- (c) The section has been planned for completion by March, 2013.

#### **Railway Medical College at Ahmedabad**

3086. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:  
SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of medical colleges that would be established by Railways during next five years;

- (b) the current status of establishment of Railway Medical College at Ahmedabad, Gujarat;
- (c) by when this medical college would start functioning; and
- (d) how much fund has been/would be allocated by Railways in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) For setting up of medical colleges, five locations *viz.* Kharagpur, Lucknow, Guwahati, Chermi and Secunderabad have been identified in Phase-I with existing Railway hospitals. Appointment of consultant for Phase-I has been initiated. Since setting up of medical colleges involves multiple approvals and fulfilling Medical Council of India (MCI) requirements, no definite number can be given at this time. Medical College at Ahmedabad is identified for Phase-II.

- (d) The fund allocation has not been worked out.

#### **Private Sector participation in railway connectivity**

3087. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has prepared a policy for private sector participation in railway connectivity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for this step?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) A policy for participation of Private Sector for providing rail connectivity and capacity augmentation is under consideration. The policy envisages certain participative models to encourage private sector involvement in rail connectivity projects as a measure for accelerated development of fixed rail infrastructure through extra-budgetary resources.

#### **Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana**

3088. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: