

continue to render required assistance to all States including Jharkhand as may be necessary to mitigate the effects of deficiency in rainfall.

Railway tracks and coaches in use

*114. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of railway tracks in the country, gauge-wise as on 1 January, 1990 and 1 January, 2012, respectively; and

(b) the number of coaches in use as on 1 January, 1990 and 1 January, 2012, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MUKUL ROY): (a) The length of railway track of Indian Railways is maintained as on 31st March of each financial year.

The gauge-wise length of running track kilometres as on 31st March, 1990 and 2011 (latest available) is as under:—

Year	Broad gauge	Metre gauge	Narrow gauge	Total
1990	49,447	24,805	4,068	78,320
2011	77,421	7,219	2,474	87,114

(b) The total number of coaches as on 31.03.1990 and 31.03.2011 (latest available) are 37,953 and 59,713 respectively.

Impediments to implementation of RTE Act

*115. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Right to Education (RTE) Act in various States of the country, State-wise;

(b) whether any impediments are being faced in implementation of the Act; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 is being implemented by all the States and Union Territories. All States and UTs with legislature have notified the State RTE Rules and the Central RTE Rules have been notified for the five Union Territories (UTs) without legislature. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has been revised to correspond with the provisions of the RTE Act, with Centre-State funding pattern revised in a 65:35 ratio (90: 10 for the States of the NE Region) for the period 2010-11 to 2014-15. Further, the 13th Finance Commission earmarked Rs. 24,068 crore for the period 2010-11 to 2014-15, for elementary education, to assist States in meeting RTE commitments.