

- (a) the number of railway projects pending with Government for approval, as on date;
- (b) the status of each project; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to clear the projects speedily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Approval of projects is a continuous process. As on 1.4.2012, 84 proposals of new line, 4 proposal of gauge conversion & 4 proposals of doubling projects have been sent to Planning Commission for 'in principle approval' and appraisal. Proposals are in various stages of scrutiny. Matter is being followed up with Planning Commission for early clearance.

Commercial utilization of railway land

1701. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rail Land Development Authority plans for commercial use of railway land on lease basis;
- (b) whether Government proposes to offer sites for development of sixty new multi-functional complexes and eight stand-alone sites for commercial development;
- (c) the sites selected by Railways in each zone for this purpose; and
- (d) the terms and conditions of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Number of stations identified for development of multifunctional complexes and sites amenable for commercial development, zone-wise, are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) The sites are to be given for commercial development in return for lease rental on upfront/annual basis through an open and transparent bidding process.

Statement

Number of Stations identified for development of Multi-Functional Complexes (MFCs) and numbers of sites for commercial development are detailed below:

Sl. No.	Railway	No. of stations Identified for MFC	No. of amenable sites for commercial development
1	Central	8	1
2	Eastern	32	0
3	East Central	8	2
4	East Coast	9	1
5	Northern	21	8
6	North Central	5	2
7	North Eastern	5	2
8	Northeast Frontier	12	1
9	North Western	8	1
10	Southern	21	6
11	South Central	13	6
12	South Eastern	16	0
13	South East Central	8	0
14	South Western	10	2
15	Western	14	6
16	West Central	6	0
17	Metro/Kolkata	-	17
TOTAL		196	55