

(c) No, Sir. Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand have 296.26 and 344.91 Route km of railway lines respectively as on 31.03.2011

Compensation for land acquired for railway projects

†2465. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether lands were acquired from farmers for new railway line project from Hajipur to Sugauli under East-Central Railway Zone, Hajipur;

(b) whether it is a fact that an advertisement regarding job for land was published;

(c) if so, the time by when jobs would be provided to farmers whose lands have been acquired;

(d) whether it is also a fact that 20 per cent amount of compensation for land has not been paid to farmers whose lands have been acquired for this project; and

(e) if so, the time by when the outstanding amount would be paid to farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. Against the total requirement of 1900 acres of land, 1174 acres of land has been acquired for construction of Hajipur-Sagauli rail line project.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e) Rs.99.12 crore have been deposited with State Government as per demand of the State Government for land acquisition of the project. Details of information regarding percentage of compensation still to be paid have not been provided by District Land Acquisition Officer. Details have been asked from State Government.

Average speed of trains

2466. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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- (a) the average speed of trains in the country;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to increase the average speed of trains in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Speed of trains is dependent on various factors including the maximum permissible speed of sections over which train is operated, type of signaling system, type of rolling stock deployed, stoppages enroute, etc. The details of average speed of trains including halts (Kilometres per hour) for the year 2011-12 is given below:

Type of Train	Broad Gauge	Metre Gauge
Mail/Express	50.3	30.2
EMU	40.5	-
Ordinary passenger	36.2	25.1
Goods	25.0	14.1

(c) to (e) It is a constant endeavour of Indian Railway to improve the average speed of trains by reviewing existing time table and by optimizing investments on infrastructural facilities like signaling system, rolling stock, track etc.

Compensation to train accident victims

†2467. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several persons have lost their lives in train accidents during last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, Zone-wise;

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