

- (b) the number of Adarsh Railway Stations proposed to be constructed; and
- (c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY): (a) 9 stations viz. Ambikapur, Champa, Chirimiri, Dongargarh, Korba, Manendragarh, Raigarh, Raipur and Rajnandgaon.

- (b) and (c) 3 stations viz. Balpur, Bhilai Power House and Mahasamund.

#### **Resource crunch faced by Railways**

4180. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways are facing resource crunch today;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Railways have identified areas for generating more resources;
- (d) if so, how Railways propose to augment internal resource generation;
- (e) whether Public-Private-Partnership (PPP), as a mode of generating funds, has remained unattractive; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) While the availability of resources has improved since 2012-13, there is a need for much higher level of funds for completing the huge shelf of works relating to modernisation and expansion of Railway network on a continuing basis.

(c) and (d) Railways have taken various measures to generate resources to augment internal resources, which *inter-alia* include rationalization of fare and freight rates, innovative marketing strategies to capture more traffic, introduction of Fuel Adjustment Component (FAC), harnessing of non-conventional areas of earnings, expenditure control etc.

(e) and (f) Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) projects in Railways have achieved limited success as Rail Infrastructure Projects are highly capital intensive with long gestation period.