

(b) The sanctioned cost of the work is Rs. 21.75 crore. An amount of Rs. 17.73 crore has been spent till January, 2013.

(c) and (d) Remaining work of track linking is likely to be completed by April, 2013.

Rail factory at Madhepura

1374. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status for establishment of rail factory at Madhepura in Bihar;
- (b) how much budget has been sanctioned for this project and how much amount has already been allocated till financial year 2012-13;
- (c) the completion schedule of this project; and
- (d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) The Cabinet, in its meeting held on 18th Feb.'10, approved proposal of Ministry of Railways, to set up Greenfield Electric Locomotive Factory at Madhepura in Bihar, under Joint Venture, with partners selected through international competitive bidding. Bidders have been shortlisted for participation in financial bid.

1116.16 Acres of land for this project, has been technically acquired. The compensation amount of Rs. 6.52 crore for 141.32 acres of land has been paid to land owners till 31.01.2013.

(b) Total estimated cost of the project: Rs. 1293.57 crore. Total expenditure until 2011-12: Rs. 58.69 crore. Allocation for 2012-13: 1 crore.

(c) and (d) The completion schedule of the project is three years after award of the contract.

Electrification of Ghaziabad-Lucknow railway line

†1375. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the time by which electrification of railway line from Ghaziabad to Lucknow via Moradabad would be completed;

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- (b) the reasons for not completing electrification of this railway line despite repeated declarations; and
- (c) the time by which it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Electrification work on Ghaziabad-Moradabad section is in progress and planned for completion by March, 2014. Electrification of Moradabad-Bareilly-Lucknow has been completed.

Reserved coach for women

†1376. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to reserve a coach for women in each passenger train on the line of Metro train;
- (b) if so, the time by which this scheme would be implemented; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Unreserved accommodation is already being earmarked for ladies passengers in EMU (Electrical Multiple Unit)/DMU (Diesel Multiple Unit) trains and local passenger trains. The accommodation so earmarked varies from train to train depending upon demand pattern as well as availability of accommodation.

Anti-fog device

1377. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some anti-fog device has been developed by Railways to control train accidents during foggy season in winter;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this device has since been put into use and tried effectively; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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