

State Government of Gujarat in July, 2012 to expedite the progress. Hence, Railway has not approved construction of ROBs on Annuity basis further as requested by State Government of Gujarat in February, 2012.

Demands from people of western Odisha

2934. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the people of western Odisha have been demanding for long an Express train from Sambalpur to Allahabad as well as extension of Jammu-Rourkela Express upto Titlagarh; and

(b) if so, the action taken on such demands/proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, introduction of an express train between Sambalpur and Allahabad and extension of 18109/18110 Rourkela-Jammu Tawi Express are not feasible at present, due to operational and resource constraints.

Passenger flow from Delhi

2935. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of passengers moving in Eastward, Northward, Westward and Southward directions from Delhi, daily;

(b) the ratio of the number of passengers to number of trains in all four directions from Delhi, daily;

(c) whether there is any study or analysis done by Railways to see whether passenger-train ratio is equitable in all directions from Delhi or *vice-versa*;

(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) On an average about 3.57 lakh passengers travel daily from Delhi towards various directions. Since some trains cover multiple directions, it is not feasible to furnish direction-wise data pertaining to number of trains and number of passengers.