

Railway connectivity

3564. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is proposing any measures to link railway networks to ports, mines, industrial units and plants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is proposing to encourage private investment towards facilitating the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Strengthening rail connectivity to ports, mines, industrial units and plants is an ongoing exercise depending on capacity requirements and availability of resources. Ministry of Railways is also encouraging investments from private sector, State Government and Public Sector Undertaking for strengthening of rail linkages to such facilities through appropriate policy measures.

The recently approved policy for encouraging private investment in rail connectivity provides for five participative models. These are as under:

- (i) Non-Government Private Line Model
- (ii) Joint Venture model
- (iii) Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) model
- (iv) Capacity augmentation with funding provided by customers
- (v) Capacity augmentation through annuity model.

Delay in implementation of projects

3565. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that there is delay in clearances and implementation of large projects;