

Duronto trains

2283. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have any plan to start Duronto trains from Patna, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga and Katihar railway stations to New Delhi; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Introduction of new train services including Duronto train is an on-going process, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc. However, at present, linking of Patna, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga and Katihar with New Delhi by Duronto train is not being planned due to operational and resource constraints.

Development of healthcare infrastructure

2284. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have proposed to develop new healthcare infrastructure facilities along the railway network in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the locations identified for the purpose, zone-wise;
- (c) the time-frame set for its implementation; and
- (d) the other steps being taken by Railways to improve healthcare facilities/ infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Railways have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for setting up healthcare facilities, i.e. OPD & Diagnostic Centres, Secondary Level General Speciality Hospitals and Tertiary Level Super Speciality Hospitals on vacant railway land, not immediately operationally required, along the railway network of the country. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is to develop these facilities for