

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Projects are undertaken railway-wise and not State-wise. However, 9 New Lines, 1 Gauge Conversion, 13 Doubling and 3 electrification projects falling fully/partly in Jharkhand have been taken up.

(b) and (c) Due to limited availability of resources, difficulty in land acquisition, forestry clearances, adverse law and order condition, the ongoing projects get delayed. Railways have a huge throwforward of Rs.1.78 lakh crore for ongoing New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects with limited amount of resources resulting in thin spread of funds which are allocated annually to these projects as per availability of resources.

(d) Efforts have been taken to generate extra budgetary resources through State participation, defence funding, declaring some projects as National Projects and implementation of bankable projects through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). To expedite completion of projects, forestry & other clearances have been taken up with State Government at highest level.

#### **Website strengthening by IRCTC**

2293. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has decided to strengthen its e-ticketing website to enable it to book 7200 e-tickets per minute as compared to the current rate of 2000 e-tickets per minutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the move to upgrade its website will cost IRCTC heavily; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Next Generation e-ticketing System is under development by Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) to be used on Indian Railway Catering & Tour-

ism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC) website which would support 7200 e-tickets per minute.

This would have high performance and seamless access even at peak time and have high availability and business continuity, scalability to cater to future growth and security to prevent frauds and unauthorised access.

(c) and (d) The estimated cost is Rs.68.97 crores.

#### **Commercial utilisation/development of surplus railway land**

2294. SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the locations/sites identified by the Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) for commercial utilisation/development and the revenues likely to be generated as a result thereof, zone-wise;

(b) the present status in respect of each of the locations/sites identified for the purpose;

(c) whether RLDÂ has shortlisted/finalized the developers for the purpose, and if so, the details thereof along with the rates offered and the revenues likely to be earned; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by Railways for commercial utilisation of surplus railway land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Zone-wise details of the location/sites identified by the Rail Land Development Authority as amenable for commercial utilization/development and the revenue likely to be generated is as under: