

The targets of 951 kms of new line, 1405 kms of doubling, 980 kms of gauge conversion in the first two years of the Plan are lesser than the proportionate targets. Lower outlays have also affected other plan expenditure. The procurement of 32,894 wagons planned in the first two years of the Plan is lesser than the proportionate target. However, wagon procurement is based on traffic demand assessed on a year-to-year basis.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. During the 12th Plan period, an outlay of Rs.35,000 crore for New Line projects was approved. However, during the first two years of the 12th Plan, for new lines Rs 12,157 crore (including Rs 3000 crore for land acquisition for Dedicated Freight Corridor) have been provided. Outlay for new lines in 2013-14 is 4% of the throw forward. Funds for new lines are provided as per availability of resources.

As Indian Railways has a large shelf of already sanctioned projects and resources are limited, the projects have been prioritized for execution based on operational needs. Railways are also pursuing with the Government to enhance the GBS to achieve the approved level of 12th Plan. Ministry of Railways has also asked for provision of funds for National Projects as an additionality over and above the present budgetary support. Further, several measures have been taken to improve fiscal health and increase resource mobilization which include rationalisation of fare and freight structure, introduction of Fuel Adjustment Component(FAC) linked revision of freight and passenger rates to compensate for the fuel cost increase, expenditure control, procurement of rolling stock through leasing etc. Projects are also being undertaken under Public Private Partnership, based on the new policy on participative models notified in December 2012.

#### **Flyover bridge at Jajpur-Keonjhar road**

\*288. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of Odisha has given a proposal for constructing a railway flyover bridge at Jajpur-Keonjhar Road;
- (b) if so, the total estimate of the bridge; and
- (c) whether it is included in the Railway Budget of 2013?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) No proposal has been received from Government of Odisha for constructing a Railway flyover bridge at Jajpur-Keonjhar Road.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### **Food Banking Network**

\*289. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Food Banking Network has been started recently;
- (b) if so, whether it is a Government initiative or some NGO has organized this social endeavour;
- (c) whether any targets were fixed for distribution of food items to the needy and poorer sections of the society;
- (d) if so, whether these targets were achieved; and
- (e) whether Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) or bodies like FICCI, CII, etc. are also lending their helping hand to make the scheme successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) No such scheme named "Food Banking Network" is operated by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

(c) and (d) Government has been providing food grains at highly subsidized prices to the targeted population through State Governments/Union Territory Administrations under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) such as Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls, Annapurna, Emergency Feeding Programme, etc. During 2013-14, a quantity of 499.39 lakh tons of food grains have been allocated to States/UTs under TPDS. In addition, 42.77 lakh tons of foodgrains have also been allocated to States/UTs under Other Welfare Schemes so far. Thus during the current year so far Government has made a total allocation of 542.16 lakh tons of food grains under TPDS and OWS.

(e) Since there is no scheme by this name, the issue of association of Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), FICCI, CII with the scheme does not arise.