

Network of railway lines in the country

580. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that States like Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, North Eastern States, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir have very less network of railway lines in comparison to other States;

(b) if so, the details of railway lines in the country, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has any specific policy and strategy to lay more railway lines in these States or make special criteria for these States to give justice to the people of these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) As on 31.03.2012, Indian Railways have 64,600.47 route kilometres across 29 States and 6 Union Territories, out of which Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, North Eastern States, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir States account for 8,875.30 (*i.e.* 13.74%) route kilometres as under:—

Sl.No.	Name of the States	Route Kilometres
1.	Odisha	2468.57
2.	Jharkhand	2040.04
3.	Chhattisgarh	1187.47
4.	Arunachal Pradesh	1.26
5.	Assam	2458.93
6.	Manipur	1.35
7.	Mizoram	1.50
8.	Nagaland	12.85
9.	Tripura	151.40
10.	Himachal Pradesh	296.26
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	255.67
TOTAL:		8,875.30