206	Written Answers to	[RAJYA SABHA]		Unstarred Questions	
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21.	Odisha	2468.57	0	0	2468.57
22.	Punjab	2143.73	0	11.66	2155.39
23.	Rajasthan	4756.32	979.20	86.76	5822.28
24.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0
25.	Tamil Nadu	3250.24	692.54	0	3942.78
26.	Tripura	0	151.40	0	151.40
27.	Uttarakhand	283.76	61.15	0	344.91
28.	Uttar Pradesh	7684.65	1113.72	2.03	8800.40
29.	West Bengal	3757.59	63.31	179.48	4000.38
	Union Territories				
1.	Chandigarh	15.70	0	0	15.70
2.	Puducherry	22.16	0	0	22.16
	Total: All India	55956.03	6347.00	2297.44	64600.47

The remaining Union Territories do not have any railway line.

(c) No, Sir.

Railway projects

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

(a) whether Jajpur Road — Dharma via Navigaya, Jajpur and Akhandalmani railway line survey has been approved by Railways;

(b) if so, whether Railways have sanctioned the funds required therefor;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any provision of Ludhiana — Dankuni Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor extending to Brahmapur *via* Haridaspur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Survey for Jajpur Keonjhar Road — Dhamara Port *via* Jajpur, Aradi (95 km.) has been sanctioned in 2012-13 at a cost of Rs. 14.25 lakh.

(d) Origin — destination of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) (Dankuni — Ludhiana) was taken based on the outcome of the detailed feasibility study. There is no provision to extend Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor towards Odisha.

Inconvenience due to Mega Block

†582. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the authorities responsible for causing inconvenience and difficulty to people in the name of carrying out Mega Block in January in the Central Railway, the lifeline of Mumbai;

(b) the reasons for not mitigating the difficulties of the passengers by making some alternative arrangements;

- (c) whether Railways have fixed any accountability in this regard;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Due to inadequate time for maintenance of equipments and assets, a policy decision was taken in 1995 to operate Mega Blocks on Sunday for integrated work of all departments for better maintenance of track, overhead wires, signaling system etc. Initially the blocks were operated for 6 hours, which has now been reduced to 4 hours to minimise passenger inconvenience. Mega blocks were operated on three Sundays in January, 2013 *i.e.* 13.01.2013, 20.01.2013 and 27.01.2013. Even though, 324 local trains were cancelled, 134 special services were run for the benefit of commuters. Information regarding Mega Block was published as paid advertisement in English, Hindi, Marathi and Urdu news papers, All India Radio and Doordarshan and FM channels were informed

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.