

Diesel Loco Factory at Marhaura, Bihar

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

- (a) the status of establishment of Diesel Loco Factory at Marhaura in Bihar;
- (b) how much is the budget provision for this project and how much amount has already been allocated till financial year 2012-13;
- (c) the completion schedule of this project; and
- (d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Diesel Loco Factory at Marhaura has been sanctioned under Joint Venture (JV)/Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Request for Qualification (RfQ) for the factory has been opened and two firms have been shortlisted. RFP documents are being modified in view of issues discussed during Pre-bid conference and the due diligence carried out by Ministry of Railways.

(b) The anticipated cost of the project is Rs. 2052 crores. The Railway has incurred an approx. Expenditure of Rs. 30 crores upto January, 2013.

(c) and (d) The project is likely to be completed in three years after award of the contract.

Railway lines in Bihar

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

- (a) whether Railways have taken up work for laying of any new railway lines in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the names of the new lines and status thereof, as on date;
- (c) whether Government has any plan for laying of third line between Mokama in Bihar and Mughalsarai in Uttar Pradesh due to heavy rail traffic on this sector; 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.