

### Upgradation of railway network

599. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are considering to invest about Rs. 1.0 lakh crore during the next five years for upgrading the railway network and in different projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Railways have sought private cooperation in executing the ambitious programme of redeveloping five stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) An outlay of Rs. 5,19,221 crore has been finalised for the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-2017) of the Railways. The details of the outlay are given below:—

(i)	Gross Budgetary Support	—	Rs. 1,94,221 crore
(ii)	Internal Generation	—	Rs. 1,05,000 crore
(iii)	Extra Budgetary Resources	—	Rs. 2,20,000 crore
TOTAL:			Rs. 5,19,221 Crore

(c) and (d) Five Stations viz. Anand Vihar (Delhi), Bijwasan (Delhi), Chandigarh, Habibganj (Bhopal) and Shivaji Nagar (Pune) have been entrusted for redevelopment to Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC), set up as a Joint Venture between Ircon International Ltd. (IRCON), a Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Railways and Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), a Statutory Authority under Ministry of Railways. These are planned for development on Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode by leveraging the commercial potential of land and air space around the station, subject to techno-economic feasibility studies.

### Redevelopment of stations

600. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are considering to utilize the land adjacent to 7000 stations for redevelopment of these stations;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Railways are considering to build houses for slum dwellers in cooperation with the builders; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Railways have identified 50 stations for redevelopment by utilizing the commercial potential of land around and air space above the stations. Details regarding the commercial potential of the available land for such redevelopment can only be known after the Master Plans are finalized based on detailed feasibility studies.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing a scheme 'Rajiv Awas Yojana' (RAY) for rehabilitation of slum dwellers, on whole city 'slum free approach' basis. The scheme covers slums on Central Government as well as State Government lands. In phase-I, the coverage of RAY shall be in 250 cities during Twelfth Five Year Plan. Railways will also participate for the Slum Dwellers in its lands wherever State Governments come up with such rehabilitation under RAY Scheme.

#### **Demand for railway line**

601. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in Hoshiarpur District a railway line exists upto Mehargrowal;
- (b) whether there is a public demand to start a railway line from Garhshankar to Hoshiarpur;
- (c) if so, whether Railways would consider the same; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) There is no railway station by the name of "Mehargrowal" on Indian Railways. In Hoshiarpur District of Punjab, railway connectivity exists upto Hoshiarpur which is the terminal station of Jalandhar Cantt.-Hoshiarpur branch line.