

- (iii) Sonnagar-Dankuni section (534 km.) is to be funded through Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) and implementation would be dependent on the response.

The cost of Eastern DFC Project (including land) is currently estimated at Rs. 43,535 crore. Till now, Rs 2971.09 crore have been spent on this project in land acquisition and construction.

In the Khurja, Saharanpur, Meerut, Ambala area of the Khurja-Ludhiana Sector of the Eastern DFC, land acquisition is at an advanced stage. Out of 766 Hectares of land to be acquired for this sector, notification under section 20A of Railway Amendment Act (RAA 2008) has been issued for 647 Hectares (84%) and 20F Award has been declared for 632 Hectares (83%).

#### **Condition of railway stations in North-Eastern States**

609. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are many railway stations in North-Eastern States that are not in good condition due to poor maintenance, especially in Assam;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that shelters on some platforms are breaking apart and during rains, water leaks and flows onto the platforms;
- (c) if so, whether corrective measures would be taken by Railways to improve the condition at such stations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (d) No railway station in North-Eastern States, including those in Assam is in poor condition.

However, repair and maintenance of infrastructure including platform shelters is a continuous process. Corrective action is taken for repairs/rectification whenever deficiencies are noticed either as a result of regular inspections or through public complaints.

#### **Concessions in freight for refined salt**

610. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railways grant concession in freight in respect of ordinary iodized salt;