

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, some road projects are delayed mainly due to delay in forest/wildlife clearance, restricted working period and adverse ground conditions.

Rail-line projects are delayed mainly due to delay in forest clearances, law and order problems, adverse weather and contract failures.

(e) Following steps have been taken to expedite the pace of road works:

- Fast tracking of forest and wild life clearance of projects
- Equipment bank was sanctioned for Rs. 100 crore in 2010-11 for creating exclusive reserve of equipment for strategic roads.
- Assured fund in the budget in the beginning of year.
- Enhanced allotment of funds for procurement of vehicle/equipment/plants.
- Enhanced air effort availability.
- More units (Projects/Task Forces) have been inducted to focus on strategic road construction.

To expedite completion of ongoing rail projects efforts are made to generate extra budgetary financing, declaring some projects as National Projects, revival of Capital Fund and implementation of bankable projects through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited.

(f) Does not arise.

#### **Strike by employees of defence canteens**

344. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is strike of employees working in defence canteens in all over the country from last 2-3 months;

(b) the total turnover of all defence canteens in all over India, during the last five years;

(c) the year-wise details of profit generated in above five years;

(d) the details of disbursement of this profit in each year;

(e) whether it is a fact that profit of the canteens is not being deposited in Government treasury in CGDA (Controller General of Defence Account); and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) to (f) No employees of Canteen Stores Department (CSD) are on strike, however, a section of the employees of Unit Run Canteens (URCs) are on strike. Data in respect of profit generated by the URCs is not maintained by CSD, however, the total sales turnover and profit generated by CSD during the last five years is as under:

(Rupees in crore)					
Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Sales	5614.69	6955.11	8689.80	9752.33	9746.59
Net Profit	168.88	203.69	226.53	267.84	216.30

Out of the total profit generated only 50% is disbursed among various beneficiaries, and the balance 50% remains deposited in Government treasury.

#### **Brigadier level flag meeting with Pakistan**

†345. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some facts have come to light at the Brigadier level flag meeting on incidents like firing on Indo-Pak border and beheading of Indian soldiers by Pak soldiers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there were incidents of incessant firing and also arms and ammunition, mortar and cannon firing on Line of Control by Pak soldiers during the last few days despite the flag meeting;

(d) whether any steps have been taken for safety of people living in those areas in such a situation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) to (e) A Brigade Commander level Flag Meeting was held at Chakan Da Bagh on 14th January,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.