

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

**Khurda Road-Bolangir New BG Rail Link Project**

1832 SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the status of commissioning of phase-I, *i.e.* 0-36 Kms. of the Khurda Road-Bolangir New BG Rail Link Project, which was to be completed by March, 2013 and Phase-II, *i.e.* 36-65 Kms., which was due for completion by December, 2013, as per their announcements in the last Railway Budget?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY) : (a) Phase-I, *i.e.* Km. 0.00 to Km 32.50 of Khurda Road-Bolangir New B.G. Rail Link Project targeted by March 2013 could not be commissioned as a patch of land for a length of 80m at Km. 11.30 was under litigation and is sub-judice in the Hon'ble High Court, Cuttack until now. However, an all out effort is made with the active co-operation of State Govt to sort out the issue. Work of all bridges, except one ROB has been completed and on settlement of land issue, the line upto KMs. 32.50, *i.e.* Khurda Road-Begunia is targeted for commissioning by March, 2014.

As regards, Phase-II, the section between Begunia - Sunakhala, *i.e.* Km. 32.50 to Km. 42.00, is targeted for commissioning by March, 2015.

**Laying of Tanakpur - Ghat - Bageshwar railway line**

† 1833. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the former Minister of Railways had given an assurance regarding laying of Tanakpur-Ghat-Bageshwar railway line in Uttarakhand during the presentation of Railway Budget in Lok Sabha;

(b) if so, whether during the financial year 2014-15, the Ministry would consider allocating funds for the laying of the above mentioned railway line; and

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.