

(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

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, the reasons for postponement of the same despite completion of all formalities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, survey for construction of Tanakpur-Bageshwar new railway line was included in the Budget 2010-11. Survey has been completed and as per survey report, the cost of construction of 155 km long line has been assessed Rs.2791 crore with the rate of return (-) 1.16%. The proposal was sent to Planning Commission for according their "In Principle" approval, but Planning Commission returned the file in original.

Introducing dynamic fare pricing system

1834. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government is contemplating to introduce dynamic fare pricing system on the line of airlines in Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has assessed the impact of dynamic fare system in Railways on the Poor; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY) : (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal for charging of dynamic fares on regular trains. However, a fully air conditioned premium special train with catering facility was operated between New Delhi and Mumbai Central with premium pricing from 24.12.2013 to 06.01.2014. This special train was operated on end-to-end basis with no commercial stoppages enroute. The booking of tickets was only through the internet and no waiting list was permitted. The successful operation of the above special train was widely appreciated.

(c) and (d) The fare system of the existing trains operated on a regular basis has not been changed. Therefore, there is no impact on the passengers travelling by the regular trains.