

by the Rail Tariff Authority, the Central Government may, within a specified time period, send a reasoned note to the Rail Tariff Authority for reconsideration.

(c) and (d) Tariff/Fare fixation on Indian Railway has all along been an internal, in-house exercise. The Rail Tariff Authority implies a systemic shift, which would enable a segregation of the multiple roles and responsibilities Railways are and would be required to discharge in the long run; this would, in turn, enhance Indian Railway's long-term financial viability and capabilities to address issues holistically and efficiently.

Doubling of railway track between Chauri Chaura-Deoria

†3092. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the work currently underway for doubling of railway tracks between Chauri Chaura-Deoria railway stations under North-Eastern Railway;

(b) by when the doubling work of railway tracks would be completed along with the time-frame fixed for starting operation of trains on these lines; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) The work of doubling of Chauri Chaura-Deoria section is in advanced stage of completion. On this section, Deoria-Baitalpur section is likely to be completed by March, 2014 and Baitalpur-Chauri Chaura section is being planned to be completed by May, 2014. The train services on this section will start once the work of doubling of this section is completed and authorization of Commissioner of Railway Safety obtained.

Targets under ten-year Railway Safety Plan

†3093. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets under ten-year Railway Safety Plan have been achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Railways have accepted the recommendations of High Level Safety Review Committee/Khanna Committee, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether as per the recommendations of Khanna Committee, any separate forum has been provided to All India Railway Engineers Federation (AIREF) so as to enable them to convey their interests/complaints; and

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