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#### **Starting of new railway lines**

†2549. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced to start 18 new railway lines after carrying out the survey in the financial year 2014-15;

(b) whether Government is considering on linking Mainpuri and Rath city in Hamirpur district of Uttar Pradesh with railway line after survey and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is considering on extension, gauge conversion and electrification of railway lines on Jhansi-Manikpur and Manikpur-Kanpur routes and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) No, Sir. Only surveys for 18 new lines have been announced.

(b) No, Sir. Survey for linking Rath City to Orai (Orai is further connected by existing rail network to Mainpuri) was completed. Since the proposal had negative Rate of Return of 12.93%, it could not be taken up due to its unremunerative nature.

(c) No, Sir.

#### **Ticket confirmation requests by MPs**

†2550. SHRI ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) reasons for not providing reservation by Northern Railway (Baroda House) and East Central Railway (Hajipur) to family members/relatives/friends/guests recommended by MPs;

(b) action taken by Government in case of tearing off letters of MPs, not picking phones of secretary/representative of MPs and misbehaving on phone by officials related to reservation;

(c) whether railway officers are in higher category than an MP, if not, the reasons for providing reservation to officers instead of family members, etc. recommended by MPs; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.