

- (i) Surendranagar-Pipavav Gauge Conversion Project implemented by Pipavav Railway Corporation Ltd. (PRCL) has generated a profit of ₹ 46.41 crores.
- (ii) Hassan-Mangalore Gauge Conversion Project implemented by Hassan-Mangalore Rail Development Company Ltd. (HMRDC) has generated a profit of ₹ 8.28 crores.
- (iii) Gandhidham-Palanpur Gauge Conversion Project implemented by Kutch Railway Company Ltd. (KRC) has generated a profit of ₹ 175.9 crores

Stoppage of Rajdhani Express at Rangiya Junction

2566. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways plan for stoppage of New Delhi-Guwahati/Dibrugarh Rajdhani Express at Rangiya Junction daily; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) At present 12435/12436 New Delhi-Dibrugarh Town (Bi-weekly) Rajdhani Express is having stoppage at Rangiya Junction. However, at present, there is no proposal for provision of stoppage of 12423/12424 New Delhi-Dibrugarh Town (Daily) Rajdhani Express at Rangiya Junction due to operational constraints.

Starting a direct train between Haridwar-Kotdwar-Ramnagar

†2567. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was announced in the last Railway Budget that direct train services would be started between Haridwar-Kotdwar-Ramnagar;

(b) if so, the details of progress made so far in this regard;

(c) whether Railways consider construction of this railway route necessary for the public; and

(d) if so, the details of the reasons for provisions of funds not been made for this railway route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) No, Sir. However, survey for Haridwar-Kotdwar-Ramnagar new line was completed in 2011-12 and as per the survey report, the cost of construction of this 143 km long new line was assessed as ₹ 1246 crore with the rate of return of (-) 5.98% and the project could not be advanced due to its unremunerative nature.

(d) Does not arise as the project has not been sanctioned.

Allotments under Railways Catering Policy

2568. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Catering Policy circulated by the Railway Board is to be implemented by the zonal railways;

(b) whether zonal railways are competent to initiate action by violating the Policy;

(c) if so, the rule under which it can be done;

(d) if not, then how 'trays' (khomchas) were allotted to a private contractor at New Delhi railway station as at 'A' category stations such allotments are not permitted; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken against those officers who made such allotments by violating the Railways' Catering Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No 'trays' (khomchas) were allotted by Delhi Division of Northern Railway under Catering Policy, 2010 to a private contractor at New Delhi railway station. The existing trays (khomchas) were allotted to private contractor in 1981 for sale of Miscellaneous articles.

(e) As no new allotment of tray was made under Catering Policy, 2010, Hence, there is no violation of Catering Policy.

Bullet train between Hyderabad and Chennai

2569. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Railways have decided to run Bullet trains between Hyderabad and Chennai *via* Dornakal and Vijayawada;