

A Trade Facilitation Centre at Srinagar with a total project cost of ₹ 12.30 crore has been approved by the Government under Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) in the year 2010. M/s J&K (S&E) Corporation, Srinagar has been identified as the Implementing Agency for the said project. As per scheme guidelines, the land will be contributed by the Implementing Agency.

#### Privatisation in Railways

\*347. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an urgent need to privatise some parts of Railways for construction of infrastructure; and

(b) if so, the steps Government is taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA):

(a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a new policy to attract private investment for building and strengthening rail connectivity and capacity augmentation was issued in December, 2012.

#### Railway Projects in Haryana

\*348. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details and status of railway projects in Haryana, including those sanctioned during the last three years, projects-wise.

(b) The details of funds allocated and spent thereon; and

(c) the time by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) to (c) During the last three years, 4 projects falling partly/fully in Haryana viz Rohtak-Meham-Hansi new line, Hissar-Sirsa new line, Delhi-Sohna-Nuh-Firozpur Jhirka-Alwar new line and Yamunanagar-Chandigarh new line have been included in Railway Budgets. The details of these projects and all other ongoing railway projects falling fully/partly in Haryana are as under:

(₹ in crore)				
Project	Anticipated cost	Exp. up to March 14	Outlay 2014-15	Status
1	2	3	4	5
Jind-Sonapat new line (89 km.)	693	490	116	Pandu Pindara-Mohana (60 km.) section completed. Earthwork bridges and ballast supply works in balance portion have been taken up.