

**FDI in railways**

463. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to allow Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Railways;
- (b) if so, the areas in which it is proposed;
- (c) whether any formal decision has been taken in this regard;
- (d) whether all the zonal railway authorities have been consulted in the matter; and
- (e) if so, when were these consultations held alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) A proposal in this regard has been initiated by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP).

- (c) No decision has been taken in this regard.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.

**Inclusion of Bairagarh station in Bhopal division**

464. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any request has been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for inclusion of Bairagarh station in Bhopal Division of West Central Railway;
- (b) if so, the present status of action taken in the matter; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government to include Bairagarh station in Bhopal Division for convenience of the people of this area who have to trudge 200 Kilometres to Ratlam for their railway related work?

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

- (b) and (c) No decision has yet been taken by Ministry of Railways on the subject.