

During this period 43 regular new train services were introduced. In addition to that 21 additional (through/originating/terminating) train services are running daily which is equivalent to 182 additional train services during this period as compared to last year.

(b) and (c) Only 7 Premium services special trains were operated by South Central Railway during the period April 2014 to June 2014 on experimental basis to assess the market demand/potential.

#### **Request to hand over land to NTC**

†1167. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has received any proposal from Government of Maharashtra with regard to granting the open land owned by Central Railway to National Textile Corporation Ltd. (NTC) for green field project;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date along with its latest position; and

(c) by when the proposal would be finalised and the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) Railway land measuring 7.73 acres has already been leased for 35 years to National Textiles Corporation (NTC) and possession of land was taken over by NTC on 20.12.2012.

#### **Condition of railway colonies and roads under North Eastern Railway**

†1168. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway colonies and railway roads under North Eastern Railway are in a dilapidated condition due to repair work not being carried out in time;

(b) whether the trade unions of Railways and other distinguished persons have submitted demands in this regard for their repair to the Ministry;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that owing to the retirement of railway employees

---

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

related to repair work and lack of new recruitment to replace them, there is a huge shortage of employees related to repair works; and

- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (e) Repairs and maintenance of railway colonies and roads is a continuous process and undertaken through zonal contracts/special works and departmentally as per need and availability of funds. Representations from trade union of North Eastern Railway and other distinguished persons with regard to repairs to railway colony and roads have also been received. Works of repair to leaky roofs of railway colony at Gorakhpur have been sanctioned. Action has also been taken to repair the railway roads based on need and *inter-se* priority of works.

Filling up of vacancies on Railways is a continuous process. At present, 246 posts of artisans and 373 posts of khalasi/helper khalasi related to repairs/maintenance works, are vacant on North Eastern Railway. Notwithstanding the vacancies, requisite repair and maintenance works are undertaken through zonal contracts/special works.

#### **Income and expenditure of Railways**

1169. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the income and expenditure of Railways during 2013-14;
- (b) the capital expenditure of Railways during the last three years;
- (c) the funds handed over by Railways to Government during the last three years as their share to general budget;
- (d) the funds given by Government to Railways for capital investment and for utilizing Railways' services for Governmental purposes; and
- (e) whether Government considers Railways as any other institution which is evaluated on the basis of its balance sheet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) The details of total revenue receipts and total revenue expenditure is as under: