

(b) whether any plan to complete the doubling of railway lines between remaining railway stations is pending with the Ministry, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether railway line between Delhi and Jodhpur, being strategically important is proposed to be doubled in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Doubling of Delhi-Rewari-Alwar and Bandikui-Jaipur-Phulera sections has been completed.

(b) Doubling of Alwar-Bandikui (60.37 Km) has been taken up at a cost of ₹ 242.09 crore Doubling of Phulera-Jodhpur section has not been sanctioned.

(c) No, Sir.

Rishikesh-Karnprayag railway line

†1936. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of amount allocated during the last financial year for under construction Rishikesh-Karnprayag railway line in Uttarakhand;

(b) the length of railway line laid from the allocated amount;

(c) the quantum of funds likely to be allocated for laying of the said line during 2014-15; and

(d) the reasons for providing less funds for laying of this railway line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (d) The project alignment passes through very challenging Himalayan geology and accordingly, detailed geological investigations along the proposed alignment have been taken up for which allotments of ₹ 5 crores and ₹ 20 crores in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively have been made.

Shortage of railway personnel under Southern Railway

1937. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.