

- (vi) Signaling system;
- (vii) Freight terminals;
- (viii) Passenger terminals;
- (ix) Testing facilities and laboratories;
- (x) Non- Conventional Sources of Energy;
- (xi) Railway Technical Training Institutes;
- (xii) Concessioneing of standalone passenger corridors (branch lines, hill railways etc.);
- (xiii) Mechanized Laundry;
- (xiv) Rolling stock procurement;
- (xv) Bio-toilets;
- (xvi) Technological solutions for manned and unmanned level crossings;
- (xvii) Technological solutions to improve Safety and reduce accidents.

(b) The Sectoral guidelines include permitted activity, salient features and limit to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in each of the above identified sectors. The salient feature pertains to project development, support from the Government and appropriate models of implementation.

Fare of Tatkal tickets

2332. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

SHRI ALOK TIWARI:

SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has increased the fare of 50 per cent Tatkal tickets and these are now available on auction basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government would review the fare and bring it down as price of diesel/crude oil has been reduced by around 30 per cent in the international market, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons and rationale for increasing the Tatkal fares even after reduction in oil prices in the international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) In order to improve the earnings, *w.e.f.* 01.10.2014, in some of the selected trains by Zonal Railways which are most in demand, 50% of the existing accommodation under Tatkal Quota has been earmarked as Premium Tatkal Quota and is being booked on dynamic pricing.

This is a distance-slab based fare scheme where the fare increases by 20% after each slab of 10% berths are sold subject to a cap (maximum fare chargeable).

(c) and (d) Review of newly introduced schemes on the basis of feedback received is a continuous and ongoing process. The passenger fares are highly subsidised. In order to improve the earnings, on select high demand trains 50% of the existing accommodation under Tatkal fare is booked on dynamic fare.

As announced in the Railway Budget 2013-14, fare and freight revision linked to fuel cost are being done twice a year, in sync with movement in fuel cost, in either direction. The last Fuel Adjustment Component (FAC) linked revision was done in June 2014.

Nuapada - Bargarh railway line

2333. SHRI A. V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey and estimate report of the Nuapada-Bargarh railway line has been received by the Railway Board; and

(b) if so, the action taken to accord approval and make provision of funds for implementation in view of the area being in backward Koraput-Balangir-Kalahandi (KBK) region and naxal affected?

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

(b) The proposal has been shelved due to huge shelf of ongoing projects and the limited overall availability of funds.

Premium trains in Telangana

2334. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to introduce Premium Trains in Telangana;