

(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;