

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) No, Sir. At present, there is no such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Construction of Rishikesh-Karanprayag railway line

†2337. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of construction of Rishikesh-Karanprayag railway line undertaken in the last financial year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the fund allocation for the under construction Rishikesh-Karanprayag railway line in Uttarakhand in financial year 2013-14 was not sufficient as per its length; and

(c) if so, whether it is expected to allocate more funds in the next financial year for the construction of the said railway line, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Work of Rishikesh-Karanprayag new railway line (125 Km.) has been taken up at an anticipated cost of ₹4295 crores and an expenditure of ₹11.6 crores has been incurred upto March, 2014. The project is passing through a very challenging terrain in young Himalayas involving unique geological and geophysical features and it is necessary to finalise the alignment after detailed studies of these features, before taking up the physical execution of the project at site.

Accordingly, an outlay of ₹5 crores was provided for the project in the year 2013-14 for these activities. An outlay of ₹20 crores has been provided in the current year to take up detailed geological mapping, geological studies and staking of alignment etc. which are prerequisite for starting of physical execution at site for the projects of such nature. The outlays provided so far were sufficient as per the present level of activities.

(c) Allocation of funds in the next financial year cannot be committed at this stage, as there is no system of assured funding for Railway Projects.

Income of divisions under West and Central Zones from passenger fare

2338. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and names of divisions under Western and Central Zone of Railways; and

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