

Medical college and dedicated industrial rail corridor

3124.SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Ministry is thinking for setting up of a Medical College at Mancheswar, Bhubaneswar;

(b) whether the Ministry plans for development of the dedicated industrial rail corridor of Meramandali-Angul-Talcher-Chhendipada which is to be connected with 57 industries based on coal, steel, power, etc. generating freight of 113 metric tonnes per annum (MTPA) and a rail corridor for Nayagarh-Keonjhar belt for the industries based on iron ore; and

(c) whether the Ministry considers to revise the Rail Connectivity to Coal and Iron Ore mines (R2CI) policy to attract private investors for industrial corridors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) As per Medical Council of India (MCI) Rules, Public Private Partnership (PPP) Medical College with Government (Railway) Hospital is not permitted. This Ministry has, therefore, dropped the proposal of setting up of Medical Colleges.

(b) No, Sir. However, Government of Odisha has got a study done for development of Rail Corridor for Angul-Talcher-Chhendipada coal bearing area under Non-Government Railway line Model.

(c) The Policy of Participative Models for Rail Connectivity and Capacity Augmentation Projects issued in December, 2012 permits investors to invest in Port, Coal & Iron Ore Mine connectivity Projects and has superseded the R2CI policy.

Rail Land Development Authority

3125.SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had created Rail Land Development Authority to commercially develop unused lands of Railways in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such projects commissioned so far and how much land has been identified for the purpose; and

(c) the number of projects taken up till now and how many projects have been contemplated in Maharashtra?