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Doubling of Waltair Railway Line

†1883. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

(a) by when the work related to doubling of Waltair Railway line in Chhattisgarh would be completed;

(b) whether it is a fact that many sleepers broke after installation due to their inferior and poor quality in work related to (a) above; and

(c) whether the proposed survey for new railway lines in Chhattisgarh has been completed and which are the new railway lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) There is no line as 'Waltair Railway line'. However, doubling of Kirandul-Jagdalpur Railway line has been sanctioned in 2011-12 with funding from M/s NMDC Limited. No time line can be fixed for completion of this project as law and order, land acquisition, forestry clearances and release of funds by M/s NMDC Ltd. are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways.

(b) No sleepers have been installed in this project.

(c) Surveys for 4 new lines falling partly/fulling in the State of Chhattisgarh have been completed in last three years and current financial year. The new lines surveyed are (i) Chirimiri and Nagpur Halt Railway Station (ii) Nagpur Halt and Boridand Ambikapur Railway line to Paradol (iii) Dongargarh to Kota (iv) Kota to Uslapur. However, surveyed projects have not been taken up due to un-remunerative nature and large throw forward of ongoing projects.

Expansion and growth plan for railways

1884. DR. CHANDAN MITRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have formulated an expansion and growth plan for the next Five Year Plan period, if so, the salient features thereof; and

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- (b) the steps taken by Government for time-bound execution thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) and (b) The Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-2017) document contains the growth and expansion targets of Indian Railways which are as under:-

- (i) New Lines: 4,000 km, (ii) Gauge Conversion: 5,500 km, (iii) Doubling: 7,653 km, (iv) Electrification: 6,500 km, (v) Locomotives: 4,010, (vi) Wagons: 1,05,659 and (vii) Coaches: 24,000.

The above are in addition to the Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor Project.

Targets for all items are also fixed annually and the required funding is planned and the projects monitored.

Development, modernisation and beautification of Surat and Udhna stations

1885.SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the updated status of steps taken by Railways for overall development, modernisation and beautification of Surat and Udhna railway stations;
- (b) the amount spent for the aforesaid purpose during last three years, year-wise;
- (c) the updated status of setting up of Divisional Railway Manager office at Surat;
- (d) the steps taken to increase security of Surat railway station in view of increasing threat perception;
- (e) whether to decongest Surat railway station, Railways contemplate diverting some passenger traffic to Udhna station, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken to increase passenger traffic capacity of Surat station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) and (b) Modernisation/Improvement of railway stations is a continuous process and is undertaken depending upon volume of passenger traffic, *inter-se* priority of works and availability of funds. While Surat station has been developed under Model and Modern Station Scheme, Udhana station has been developed under Model and