

increased use of Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) Coaches, Centre Buffer Couplers with Integral Coach Factory (ICF) Coaches, etc.

(c) and (d) Sectoral Guidelines of Domestic/Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) issued in November, 2014 have identified areas for such investment including construction and maintenance of Road Over Bridge (ROB)/Road Under Bridge (RUB)/Limited Height Subway, installation and maintenance of safety systems for level crossing gates, installation and maintenance of Asset Failure Detection systems (Track/Over Head Equipment (OHE)/Rolling Stock/Signalling, etc.) and automatic self propelled Track/OHE parameter recording cars. No investment proposal has been received in this regard.

High speed rail corridor between New Delhi and Chennai

1905. SHRI SANJAY RAUT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any fast track project to build the world's second longest High Speed Rail Corridor project between New Delhi and Chennai with the help of Chinese Railways;

(b) if so, the details of project and the salient features thereof; and

(c) whether Government has received preliminary report on its costing and investment required for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) and (b) As per an Action Plan to carry forward the Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Railways and National Railway Administration, Government of People's Republic of China signed on 18.09.2014, a Feasibility Study of a High Speed link between Delhi-Chennai has been agreed to be taken up with Chinese assistance.

(c) No, Sir.

Shortage of reserved seats

1906. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of reserved seats in various express trains running through various important cities of West Bengal, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and