

has been awarded on 06.01.2015. Gandhinagar station has been entrusted to Rail Land Development Authority, for which tenders for consultancy have been invited on 10.02.2015. Bhubaneswar/New Bhubaneswar and Baiyyappanahalli (Bengaluru) stations are identified for prefeasibility studies by the China Railway Construction Engineering Group at their cost under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Indian Railways and National Railway Administration, Government of People's Republic of China.

Railway division at Rayagada under ECoR

2688. SHRI A. V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are considering to create another railway division at Rayagada under the jurisdiction of East Coast Railway (ECoR) in view of the public demand;

(b) if so, the status thereof and by when it will be done; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) New Divisions on Indian Railways are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other administrative/operational requirements, consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency, without any regional considerations. The proposal for creation of a new Division with headquarters at Rayagada, when examined from these aspects, has not been found feasible.

Areas unconnected with railway lines in Odisha

2689. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in Odisha which are not connected with railway lines; and

(b) by when the Ministry proposes to lay railway lines in such areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Railway projects are not sanctioned area-wise, State-wise or region-wise. List of New Lines falling partly/fully in the State of Odisha taken up to provide connectivity to different parts of Odisha is given below: