

**High speed trains in Jharkhand**

625. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to run high speed trains in Jharkhand; and
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to run high speed trains between Dhanbad/Ranchi to Kolkata?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) and (b) Government is undertaking a feasibility study for Diamond Quadrilateral Network of High Speed trains comprising of four sides *i.e.* (i) Delhi-Mumbai, (ii) Mumbai-Chennai, (iii) Chennai-Kolkata, (iv) Kolkata-Delhi and both diagonals *i.e.* (v) Delhi-Chennai and (vi) Mumbai-Kolkata. The alignment has not been decided.

**Construction of over bridge in Dhanbad**

626. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal for construction of an over bridge at Pradhankanta railway station in Dhanbad, Jharkhand is under consideration, if so, the details of the said project; and
- (b) the time-frame by which the work of this project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) Work of construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of level crossing 15/Spl/T near Pradhankanta station at km 260/27-29 has been sanctioned on cost sharing basis with the State Government. The work could not be taken up because State Government could not finalise the alignment of approaches. Now, State Government desires to construct the ROB on a diverted alignment with minimal land acquisition. Accordingly, work of finalization of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) has been taken up.

- (b) In view of uncertainties involved in land acquisition, no time-frame for completion of ROB can be fixed.

**Irregularities in procurement of railway coaches**

627. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH :

SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the media report dated 9 February, 2015,