

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government in August, 2014 had permitted 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in construction, operation and maintenance in certain identified areas. FDI policy is an enabling provision and precise FDI flow can not be estimated at this stage. At present Request for Proposal (RFP) for two locomotives factories at Madhepura and Marhowra, open for FDI, have been issued.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Share of West Bengal in Railway Budget

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

(a) whether it is a fact that West Bengal has got the minimum share in Railway Budget 2015-16 in comparison to the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of railway stations being upgraded in West Bengal in 2015-16; and

(d) the details of amount sanctioned for such stations, station-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Gauge conversion work in Tamil Nadu

232. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to undertake gauge conversion work in Tamil Nadu under PPP mode; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.