

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Achievement of targets by Railways

*23. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have been able to add only 60.7 kilometers of new lines to the railway network against the target of 300 kilometers for 2014-15 and only 241.07 kilometers were completed in respect of doubling of lines as against the target of 710 kilometers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Railways have been able to electrify only 493 kilometers as against the target of 1350 kilometers and in respect of gauge conversion, 161.55 kilometers have been converted as against the target of 450 kilometers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to achieve the targets?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Indian Railways have laid 313 Km. of New Lines and 705 Km. of Doubling against targets of 300 Km. for New Line and 700 Km. for Doubling for the year 2014-15. 1375 Route Km. (RKM) have been electrified against the target of 1350 RKM during 2014-15. The achievements have exceeded target set.

(d) Do not arise.

Central assistance for crop loss

†*24. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether crops in various regions of North India have suffered huge loss recently due to torrential rain and hailstorm;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Governments of various affected States have sent proposals for Central assistance in order to compensate for the loss of crops; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by the Central Government, so far, on the said proposals?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In the month of February-March 2015, many States including Uttar

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