

Doubling of railway lines

†611. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any suggestions/requests have been received with regard to the doubling of the railway lines of Moradabad-Ramnagar and Rampur-Kathgodam;
- (b) if so, the details of the action taken so far in this regard; and
- (c) by when the doubling work of the railway lines of Moradabad-Ramnagar and Rampur-Kathgodam is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) Requests for taking up projects from State Governments, elected representatives and other social/ commercial organizations/ individuals are received at various levels, but a centralized compendium is not maintained. Doubling of single line section/providing multiple lines on double line section is taken up where carrying capacity is saturated. The traffic on Moradabad-Ramnagar and Rampur-Kathgodam sections has not yet reached the level to justify its doubling.

Investment for long term development

†612. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is planning to invest five hundred billion dollars in Railways in the coming ten to twelve years for the long term development of the country;
- (b) the quantum of investment made in Railways in the last one year and the quantum of domestic and foreign capital therein;
- (c) whether an investment of five hundred billion dollars is possible in view of its current status; and
- (d) the number of railway projects pending due to shortage of funds and the future plan of the Ministry to complete them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) No plan to invest US \$ 500 billion in the Railways in next ten to twelve years has been prepared. However, an investment of ₹ 8,56,020 crore (approximately 135 billion US dollars) has been planned for next five years.

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