

location survey has been completed. Land plans for Indian portion has been submitted to the State Government. In Nepal portion, land has been handed over in 47 km in patches. Earthwork and bridgework have been taken up in the stretches where land is available.

**PPP model for development of Railways**

619. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of putting PPP model in development of Railways;
- (b) the status and effective action plan in resolving the disputes between Government and private partners in such a development model; and
- (c) the status of capacity enhancement and laying of tracks in the underdeveloped regions of the country under this model?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) For encouraging PPP (Public Private Partnership) on railways, a policy on Participative models for rail connectivity and capacity augmentation was issued in December, 2012. Model Concession Agreements for Non-Government line model, Joint Venture, Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) and Customer funded models have been issued. Till now under different PPP models, 9 projects have been implemented, 13 projects have been approved for implementation, besides 6 projects which have been given 'in principle' approval.

(b) The Concession Agreements provide for Conciliation, Arbitration and Adjudication for resolving disputes between Government and partners.

(c) Projects under PPP model are undertaken on the basis of operational requirement, financial viability, bankability and interest of stakeholders. Such projects are not undertaken based on socio-economic development of a particular region.

**Upgradation of basic amenities at Korukkupet railway station**

620. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Korukkupet railway station in North Chennai Parliamentary Constituency will be upgraded with all basic amenities such as clean drinking water, sanitation, platform and railway line cleanliness;

(b) whether a subway would be constructed to connect either end of the railway gate no. LC 2, near Korukkupet railway station for easy and safe flow of passenger traffic; and