

**Development of 'A-1' and 'A' category railway stations in Tamil Nadu**

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

(a) the details of 'A-1' and 'A' category railway stations in the State of Tamil Nadu which have been identified for development on 'as is where is' basis by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around these stations; and

(b) the details of the mechanism in place to oversee whether land and air space is used according to the norms prescribed under this method?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) It has been decided to offer 'A-1' and 'A' category stations (about 400 stations) over Indian Railways, for redevelopment on 'as is where is' basis, by inviting open bids from interested parties with their designs and business ideas. 27 stations, viz. Chennai Central, Chennai Egmore, Coimbatore Jn., Madurai Jn., Arakkonam Jn., Chengalpattu Jn., Dindigul Jn., Erode Jn., Jolarpettai Jn., Kanyakumari, Karur Jn., Katpadi, Kovilpatti, Kumbakonam, Mayiladuthurai Jn., Mettupalaiyam, Nagercoil Jn., Rameshwaram, Salem Jn., Tambaram, Thanjavur Jn., Tiruchirappalli Jn., Tirunelveli Jn., Tiruppur, Tuticorin, Villupuram Jn. and Virudhunagar Jn. falling in the State of Tamil Nadu qualify for redevelopment under this scheme.

(b) Guidelines have been issued to zonal railways regarding redevelopment of stations through the above method, which, inter-alia, contain provisions regarding leasing of land and air space for financing the station redevelopment.

**Feasibility study for bullet train project**

758. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the feasibility study conducted by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on the Bullet train project is the sole evaluation/assessment before an investment of approximately 98, 000 crore is made in the project;

(b) whether the Ministry recognises that it is a potential conflict of interest for JICA to not just conduct a feasibility study but consequently also provide Railways with a soft loan and technology transfer for this project; and

(c) if not, the reasons why JICA is the only agency whose recommendations are being considered by Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) No, Sir. Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor has also been studied by M/s RITES (India), M/s Systra (France) along with M/s Italferr (Italy) in 2010. A Business development study for Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed was also done by SNCF (French Railways) in 2014.

(b) and (c) The JICA feasibility study is a joint study co-financed by India and Japan which has examined the various technological and implementation options for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed rail project based on international experience. It also provides details of alignment, station locations, land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement, rolling stock requirement etc. The project funding and terms of funding are independent of the feasibility study and as such there is no conflict of interest.

#### **Integrated Security System**

759. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Integrated Security System (ISS), which was proposed for 202 important railway stations across the entire railway network, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to bring in more railway stations under Integrated Security System (ISS); and

(c) if so, the details of the number of railway stations identified for the purpose in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Out of 202 Railway stations nominated for implementation of Integrated Security System (ISS) over Indian Railways, contracts for execution of ISS work over 99 railway stations have already been awarded. ISS has already been implemented at Ajmer, Bikaner, Jaipur and Jodhpur railway stations of North Western Railway, falling in the State of Rajasthan, and railway stations Hyderabad, Secunderabad and Tirupati of South Central Railway, falling in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. So far, Close Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV) have been installed over 88 stations under ISS. In addition, 24 Under Vehicle Scanning System (UVSS), 126 baggage scanners, about 240 Door Frame Metal Detectors (DFMD), more than 900 Hand Held Metal Detectors and 64 bomb detection equipments have also been installed by zonal railways under Integrated Security System.