

To expedite the completion of work, the annual outlays have been enhanced, and against an allotment of ₹340 crore in the year 2013-14, budget allotments of ₹ 600 crore and ₹ 701 crore have been made in the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively.

Survey of Ramnagar Bhikiyasen railway line

†1589. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey work on Ramnagar-Mohaan-Marchula-Chaukhutia-Bhikiyasen railway line has been completed;

(b) if so, the level at which the proposal for laying of this railway line is pending, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds are likely to be allocated in the next financial year for laying of this railway line; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (d) A survey for new line from Ramnagar-Mohan-Marchula-Bhikiyasen-Chaukhutiya (87 km) has been completed in 2011-12. As per survey report, the cost has been assessed ₹ 1379 crore with the negative rate of return of 3.03%. Due to unremunerative nature of the project, huge throwforward of ongoing works and limited availability of funds, the proposal could not be taken forward.

Revenue earning system of Railways

1590. SHRI K.C. TYAGI :

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL :

KUMARI SELJA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways have taken note of the fact that its current revenue earning system leaves a very small surplus for investment and modernisation if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the corrective steps taken/ being taken by Railways in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Against huge requirement of resources for expansion

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.