

Construction of Dehradun-Vikasnagar-Uttarkashi railway line

†1712 . SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry will consider to send a team of railway experts to ascertain the possibility of construction of a new railway line from Dehradun to Uttarkashi *via* Vikasnagar in Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, by when the team is likely to be sent there; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) Dehradun-Vikasnagar new line (38 km.) survey was completed in 2012 and as per the Survey Report, the cost of construction of this line was assessed as ₹ 628.18 crore with a negative Rate of Return of 5.21%. The project could not be taken forward due to its unremunerative nature, huge throwforward of ongoing projects.

However, now in anticipation of State Government of Uttarakhand coming forward to take up project through a Joint Venture, work of Dehradun-Vikasnagar (38 km.) costing ₹ 628 crores has been included in Railways Capital Investment Programme 2016-17. As regards, Dehradun-Uttarkashi new line (90 km.), a survey has been taken up.

E-catering services in railways

1713. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and railway zone-wise details of revenue earned through e-catering services during the last one year, including district-wise details for West Bengal;

(b) the State-wise and station-wise details of existing set of catering service providers along with the details of subsidies provided/expenditure incurred in relation to e-catering, if any; and

(c) whether Railways intend to expand the services provided to other stations and include more Indian brands for providing e-catering services to passengers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) State-wise and zone-wise details of revenue earned through e-catering

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