

Railway connectivity of rural areas of Haryana

1733. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rural areas of Haryana are still not on railway map, while there has been a persistent demand for that; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that these areas have been found to be commercially viable, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) As on 31.03.2015, the State of Haryana has an extensive railway network having 6.43 route km. per lakh of population and 3.69 route km. per 100 sq km. against national averages of 5.46 and 2.01 respectively. In addition 6 projects falling fully/partly in the State of Haryana for construction of 550 km. of New Lines and 5 projects for Doubling of 214 km. of existing single lines have been taken up at a cost of ₹ 7420 and ₹ 1745 crores respectively. In addition, 3 new surveys have also been taken up in Railway Budget 2016-17.

Shortage of coaches in Southern Railway

1734. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Southern Railway zone, especially related to Kerala, is facing acute shortage of coaches and the projected demand of coaches is hardly met;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the remedial action being taken in the matter;

(c) whether Railways have received any proposal(s) for implementation of various schemes/projects in Kerala during the last two years and the current year, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Railways in this regard, including the details of projects sanctioned along with status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present, there is no shortage of coaches for running the scheduled services on Southern Railway which includes the State of Kerala.

(c) and (d) Requests for new lines, gauge conversion, doubling, etc. both formal as well as informal, are received by Railways at various levels *i.e.* Railway Board, Zonal Railways and Divisional Headquarters, etc. As receipt of such requests/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not