

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. In the first phase, patch doubling of ROHA - VEER (46.89 Km.) at a cost of about ₹ 296 crore has been sanctioned. Electrification of Konkan Railway route from Roha to Thokur (740 Km.) at a cost of about ₹ 709 crore has also been sanctioned.

(b) and (c) The tender for doubling work between Roha – Veer has been invited. The preparatory tendering work for Electrification project is on hand.

**Survey for railway line from Manwal to Bhadarwah
in Jammu and Kashmir**

1736. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is conducting survey for expansion of railway line from Manwal to Bhadarwah in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K); and

(b) if so, when would the work on this project is going to start and what will be the duration of time for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Manwal is an existing station on Jammu-Udhampur-Katra railway line. A survey for Udhampur-Doda-Premnagar-Badharwah and Doda-Kishtwar (224 km.) new line was completed in 2011-12. As per the report, the project was assessed at a cost of 12,040 crore (2012 price level) with a negative rate of return of 5.34%. The project could not be taken up due to a huge throwforward of ongoing projects and its unremunerative nature and limited availability of funds for new lines.

(b) Does not arise.

**Expansion of railway line from Udhampur to Banihal
in Jammu and Kashmir**

1737. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to expand the railway line from Udhampur to Banihal in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K); and

(b) if so, the completion period of expansion of this railway line and the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Udhampur-Banihal new line is a part of Udhampur-Srinagar-