

(c) The project has been sanctioned in December 2015 and estimated completion period of project is approximately 7 years from commencement of work.

Abandoned buildings and unserviceable materials available with railways

1748. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any account of abandoned buildings and unserviceable materials is maintained in Railways, if so, the details thereof, Zone-wise;

(b) the procedure followed in dismantling the abandoned buildings and the time required to dismantle all the abandoned buildings; and

(c) the total value of unserviceable materials available with Railways and the details of their disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) The account of abandoned buildings and unserviceable materials is maintained in the registers kept with designated railway officials. Zone-wise details are not maintained.

(b) When the condition of a building is deteriorated beyond economic repairs it is identified as abandoned one. Abandoned buildings are generally disposed off by auction on 'as is where is' basis. The time required to dismantle the abandoned structure depends upon various factors such as its type, size, condition, location etc.

(c) Collection and disposal of scrap is a continuous process. Unserviceable material (scrap) costing approx. ₹ 2310 cr. has been disposed off during current financial year up to Feb., 16 and scrap costing approx. ₹ 363 cr. is available.

Insurance facility for passengers and railway's assets

†1749. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have suffered heavy losses due to various rail accidents in the last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Railways have any insurance facility for the railway passengers and assets; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount paid by the insurance companies during the last three years to Railways while settling the claims?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.