

To fast track the completion of above projects fund allotment has been substantially enhanced in 2015-16 and 2016-17. However, apart from availability of funds completion of project depends upon several other factors like complete handing over of encumbrance-free land by the State Government forestry clearances, shifting of utilities, etc. which are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways.

Train services between Jharkhand and Southern States

2374. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people travel from Jharkhand to Southern States for medical purposes;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the waiting time for getting a confirmed ticket is very long; and
- (c) if so, whether the Ministry is planning to increase/start new train services between Jharkhand and Southern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) State-wise and journey purpose-wise details of number of passengers is not maintained.

(b) In the computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS), available reserved accommodation is booked on first come first served basis. During peak rush periods/days and on popular routes, the available confirmed accommodation gets booked within short span of time after the opening of reservation. However, during lean period and over less popular routes, confirmed accommodation is available for a comparatively longer period. The time elapsed for a waitlisted ticket to get confirmed also vary during peak period and lean period.

(c) Indian Railways do not run new train services on State-wise basis as Railway network and train operations between originating and terminating stations lying on various Zonal Railways cut across State boundaries. This is an ongoing process subject to traffic demand, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc. However, a new weekly service between Hatia and Ernakulam serving the State of Jharkhand and southern States has been planned for introduction.

Platform capacity of Jammu Tawi railway station

2375. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have announced to enhance the platform capacity of Jammu Tawi railway station; and

(b) if so, the number of platforms to be upgraded and whether any time-frame has been fixed for increase of platforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) A work for providing second entry in connection with development of coaching terminal at Jammu Tawi has been sanctioned in Railway Budget 2016-17 at a cost of ₹ 180 crores. This includes provision of 3 platforms at Jammu Railway Station of 24 coach length each. No time-frame has been fixed for completion of this work.

Train robberies and dacoities

2376. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALLYAWI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of train robberies and dacoities took place during the year 2014, till date;

(b) the details of losses and damage in each case;

(c) the details of culprits apprehended, booked and convicted in each case;

(d) the details of compensation paid to the victims; and

(e) the fresh initiatives taken for prevention of recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) The details of cases of train robberies and dacoities, losses and damage and culprits apprehended, booked and convicted in these cases during the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 (upto April) are as under:-

Year	No. of cases of robberies in trains registered	No. of cases of dacoities in trains registered	Amount of losses and damages in these incidents (in ₹)	No. of persons		
				Apprehended	Booked	Convicted
2014	517	63	3,23,54,939	689	651	79
2015	805	57	5,36,13,847	794	745	73
2016 (upto April)	182	13	63,18,770	141	127	0