

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Ranchi-Lohardaga (67 Km) Gauge Conversion has been completed and commissioned. Lohardaga-Barkichampi section (14.5 Km) of Lohardaga-Tori (44 Km) new line has also been completed and commissioned. Track-linking of remaining section of Barkichampi-Tori (29.5 Km) has been completed and is targeted for commissioning in 2016-17.

Sub-structure of railway portion of ROB at Nagri near Ranchi has been completed. Work has been stopped due to non-finalisation of plan of approaches by the NH Wing of State Government of Jharkhand.

Upgrading the speed of Delhi-Ranchi and Delhi-Raipur Rajdhani trains

3062. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state by when the speed of Rajdhani trains, especially Delhi-Ranchi Rajdhani and Delhi-Raipur Rajdhani will be upgraded as it will save a lot of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): At present, there is no proposal of upgrading the speed of Rajdhani Express trains running over Indian Railways including Ranchi and Raipur bound Rajdhani Express trains. However, speeding up of trains including Rajdhani Express is a constant endeavour and continuous process on Indian Railways and is dependent on constant optimization of the investments made by Railways in modernization of technology, high powered locos, modern coaches and better tracks.

Installing CCTV cameras at railway stations

3063. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to install CCTV cameras at railway stations to ensure safety of women passengers;

(b) if so, the details of stations where such cameras are proposed to be installed;

(c) whether the CCTVs installed will also be used for monitoring station's cleanliness, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether all stations, right down to category 'C' stations, have been included in this project;

(e) if so, the details of small stations and category 'C' stations identified for this purpose, State-wise; and

(f) by when this exercise will be completed?