Platform raising exercise for Mumbai suburban network

3089. SHRI SACHIN RAMESH TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an update on the platform-raising exercise for the Mumbai suburban network;

(b) the number of stations where work has been completed and the time-line for its full completion; and

(c) whether Railways have identified high-density stations which have only one single bridge like Mumbra, Parel in CR and others in WR, for additional bridge construction to enhance safety during peak hours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) 62 railway stations in Mumbai suburban area have been identified for work of raising of platforms.

Work of raising of all identified platforms has been completed at 44 railway stations. The works of raising of platforms at remaining stations have been targeted for completion by June, 2017.

The need for provision of additional Foot Over Bridge (FOB) at stations on Mumbai sub-urban section is regularly examined and if found justified and feasible, suitable action is taken. Accordingly, works of provision of five new FOBs, one each at Bhayandar, Elphinstone Road, Kaandivali, Khar Road and Virar railway stations on Western Railway have been sanctioned in 2016-17.

Two FOBs are already operational at Mumbra and Parel stations. Construction of one additional *i.e.* third FOB has been taken up at Mumbra station in connection with 5th and 6th lines.

Railway projects in Andhra Pradesh

3090. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. is planning to introduce high-speed trains between Amaravati and Bengaluru as well as Chennai and Kolkata, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the progress made in the implementation of North-South and East-South corridors and whether any meeting was held with State Governments recently in this regard;

(c) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh and Railways propose to float Special