

of 45 Unmanned Level Crossings in the country (Bihar-12, Karnataka-8, Maharashtra-8, Tamil Nadu-1 and West Bengal-16). In Madhya Pradesh, no ROB has been sanctioned for elimination of Unmanned Level Crossing.

Funds for Road safety Works (ROBs/RUBs/Subways/Level Crossings) come from Central Road Funds (CRF) as a percentage of cess collected on Diesel and Petrol by Ministry of Finance. Due to limited availability of funds and huge throwforward of already sanctioned works, these works are progressing to the extent possible subject to availability of funds and Engineering Time Allowance.

FDI in Railways

†1461. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that inspite of declaration of 100 per cent FDI in Railways, expected foreign investment has not taken place;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, the quantum of foreign investment in Railways from 2014 to till date and the countries which have shown more interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is largely a matter of private business decision. FDI inflows depend on a host of factors such as the availability of natural resources, market size, infrastructure, political and general investment climate as well as macro-economic stability and investment decision of foreign investors.

Agreements have been signed between Ministry of Railways and Joint Venture Company for setting up of two locomotive factories at Madhepura (Electric) and Marhowra (Diesel) costing about ₹ 2600 crore entailing FDI inflow in Rolling stock manufacturing.

Confirmed tickets for passengers travelling to North-East

†1462. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have any plan to confirm the wait listed tickets of train passengers, especially for North-East region;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.