

Government of Japan. National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRC) has been incorporated in February, 2016 to implement this project. Work on appointment of General Consultant, Final Location Survey and training of officials has commenced. The target for commissioning of the project is 2023.

#### **Expansion of railway lines in Uttarakhand**

†2836. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan is being formulated for expansion of railway lines in bordering State of Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the name of railway lines where expansion is proposed in next financial year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) There are six major ongoing projects falling fully/partly in the State of Uttarakhand comprising three new lines, two gauge conversion and one doubling projects covering length of 209.9 km., 655 km. and 27 km. respectively. Projects to be included in the next financial year *i.e.* 2017-18 have not been decided.

#### **Survey for new railway route from Agra to Ramganj Mandi**

†2837. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the dates on which surveys of the new railway route from Ujjain-Agra-Jhalawar to Ramganj Mandi have been done in the past and the details regarding the status of possibilities for construction of this railway route; and

(b) the action taken on the proposals for conversion of Ujjain-Fatehabad (Western Railway) meter gauge route to broad gauge, which will make the Ujjain-Fatehabad-Indore railway route length shorter than the Indore-Dewas-Ujjain route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Rail connectivity already exists between Agra and Jhalawar *via* Kota, Ramganj Mandi and between Agra and Ujjain *via* Kota, Ramganj Mandi and Nagda. To assess viability for a direct connectivity between Ramganj Mandi and Ujjain, a survey was conducted in the year 2000-01 for a new line between Ramganj Mandi-Ujjain

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