

Of the 68 accepted recommendations, 27 recommendations have been fully implemented and the remaining recommendations are in various stages of implementation.

(b) All safety category railway employees are given structured training at various stages of their career. Detailed training modules as per prescribed periodicity are available for each category at initial/promotional stages along with refresher courses. These modules are updated keeping in view the technological changes and changes in working practice. In addition, Disaster Management Modules are in place for training safety category staff and the frontline staff. Frontline staff are also given training in fire fighting and first aid.

Electrification of railway networks

3474. SHRI SACHIN RAMESH TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry would consider full electrification of railway networks;
- (b) whether any research has been carried out to check the feasibility of full electrification; and
- (c) the cost to Government for full electrification of railway networks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. At present, there is no proposal to electrify all Indian Railways net work, as electrification of railway lines is decided on the basis of financial viability, traffic volume and operational feasibility.

As on 01.04.2016, Indian Railways have a total of 27,999 Route Kilometres of electrified network out of total network of 66030 Route Kilometres.

Further, Indian Railways have prepared an Action Plan to electrify 24400 route kilometres in five years (2016-17 to 2020-21).

Attacks in trains by robbers

3475. SHRI SACHIN RAMESH TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures undertaken to increase security in outstation trains in the wake of recent attacks in trains by robbers, as reported in some sections of the media;
- (b) whether security measures have been enhanced at important stations to deter unauthorized entry of miscreants; and