

FDI IN Railways

†3477. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals received by Government, so far, after allowing foreign direct investment in Railways;
- (b) the details of such proposals; and
- (c) Government's view about foreign investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Two locomotive factories at Madhepura (Electric) and Marhowra (Diesel) costing about ₹ 2600 crore entailing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow in Rolling stock manufacturing have already been awarded to Alstom and General Electric (GE) respectively in 2015.

(c) Government is pursuing modernisation and strengthening of rail network and development of rail-related industries through infusion of foreign equity and technology leading to growth in manufacturing and enhancing competitiveness.

Sanctioning of new railway projects

3478. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state by when Railways will consider sanctioning of the ten new projects, namely, Bhadrachalam Road (Andhra Pradesh) Malkangiri-Jeypore-Junagarh-Lanjigarh Road-Talcher-Bimlagarh, Jeypore-Nabarangpur, Bargarh-Nuapada *via* Padmapur (120 Kms), Talcher-Gopalpur (245 Kms), Puri-Konark (35 Kms), Rupsa-Bangriposi to Gorumahisani (35 Kms), Badampahar to Keonjhar (70 Kms), Berhampur-Phulbani (169 Kms), Rayagada-Gopalpur *via* Gunupur-Bhismagiri and Digapahandi and Gunupur-Therubali-Rayagada (79 Kms)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): 1. Out of 11 projects, the following projects have been sanctioned/ included in the Budget:

- (i) New line from Junagarh-Lanjigarh has already been completed and commissioned;
- (ii) Talcher-Bimlagarh new line has been sanctioned and the work taken up.
- (iii) Jeypore-Malkangari (130 Km) and Jeypore-Nabarangpur (38 Km) new lines have been included in Budget 2016-17 subject to approval from the Government. Government of Odisha has offered to share 25% of construction

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