

Increasing the speed of trains connecting Southern India

†3481. DR. CHANDRAPAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of railway routes identified for running of trains at high speed in the country;

(b) whether Government is contemplating enhancing the speed of long distance Trains connecting Southern India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Indian Railways has identified nine routes for increasing the speed of passenger trains to 160/200 kmph. These routes are, New Delhi – Agra, New Delhi – Chandigarh, New Delhi – Kanpur, Chennai – Bengaluru-Mysore, Nagpur – Secunderabad, Nagpur – Bilaspur, Mumbai – Goa, Mumbai – Ahmedabad and Chennai – Hyderabad.

(c) ERYUAN Group of China was entrusted with feasibility study for increasing the speed of passenger trains to 160 kmph on existing Chennai – Bengaluru – Mysore route.

A protocol has been signed on 15.10.2016 between Ministry of Railways of India and Ministry of Railways of Russia for carrying out feasibility study of existing Nagpur – Secunderabad Corridor for raising the speed of passenger trains to 200 kmph.

Preparation of BPL and AAY lists

3482. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is still struggling hard to prepare BPL and AAY lists which are free from bogus/ineligible beneficiaries, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive policy to advise the States, including Tamil Nadu, to prepare genuine lists of BPL and AAY beneficiaries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c)

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