

Budget provision for railway projects in Uttarakhand

†3499. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the budget provision made by the Ministry for rail expansion, building railway tracks, etc. for the State of Uttarakhand for the year 2016-17;

(b) the details of the amount provided under each head; and

(c) the quantum of amount provided in the financial year 2017-18 for the State of Uttarakhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) An outlay of ₹ 203.00 crore for new line, ₹ 130.00 crore for gauge conversion and ₹ 125.00 crore for doubling have been provided in Railway Budget 2016-17 for all the ongoing projects falling fully/partly in the State of Uttarakhand.

(c) Budget provision for the ongoing projects falling fully/partly in the State of Uttarakhand has not been decided for the financial year 2017-18.

Survey of Ramnagar-Chaukhutiya railway route

†3500. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval for conducting the survey of Ramnagar-Chaukhutiya railway route had been given earlier also;

(b) if so, the details of year, month and date thereof; and

(c) the total amount spent on survey since approval of survey of this railway route was accorded, the year-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) A survey for new line from Ramnagar-Mohan-Marchula-Bhikiasan-Chaukhutiya (87 km) was completed in 2011-12. An expenditure of ₹ 30.96 lakh was incurred on this survey. As per survey report, the cost of construction of the new line was assessed as ₹ 1379 crore with the negative rate of return of 3.03%. Due to un-remunerative nature of the project, huge throwforward of ongoing works and limited availability of funds, the proposal could not be taken forward. However, based on demands, another survey for Ramnagar-Chaukhutiya and its extension upto Gairsen (230 km) has been taken up at a cost of ₹ 34.50 lakh.

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