

these not only provide new/additional connectivity between stations and prove to be popular among travelling passengers, but also would translate into revenue for Indian Railways, thereby defraying the additional cost that a stoppage entails. Indian Railways, with a view to optimizing efficiency in operations, reviews experimental stoppages periodically which is an on-going exercise. However, at present, there is no proposal to discontinue the experimental stoppages provided in the Rajdhani Express and Shatabdi Express trains.

New railway lines in Uttarakhand

†1243. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether announcement for new railway lines between Roorkee-Piran Kaliyar and Tanakpur-Jauljibi in Uttarakhand had been made in rail budget of previous years;
- (b) if so, the present status thereof;
- (c) whether these rail routes will see the light of the day; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Survey for Tanakpur-Jauljivi was completed during 2013-14 to examine the feasibility and viability of the proposed new line. As per survey report, the cost of construction of 107 Km. long line was assessed as ₹ 5276 crore with the negative rate of return of 1.45%. Un-remunerative nature of the proposed new line, huge throwforward of ongoing projects and limited overall availability of funds, preclude the Railways to take up this new line project.

Losses to local train services in Mumbai

1244. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that local train services in Mumbai metropolitan area have been incurring huge losses for several years, if so, the income and expenditure figures for the last three years;
- (b) the measures being taken to make these services break even or make some profit as well; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.