

- Discontinuation of the separate Rail Budget.
- Subsidies to be borne by Union Government and cost of passenger concessions by respective Ministries.

(c) and (d) The report of the Committee has been examined. Work on several recommendations such as discontinuation of separate rail budget, Accounting Reform, setting up of a regulatory mechanism and reorientation of Railway Board on business objectives has already been taken/initiated. Timeframe for several other recommendations being too wide-ranging in scope cannot be indicated at this stage.

Insurance cover for mobiles and laptops

1267. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ:

SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IRCTC is considering to provide insurance cover for mobiles and laptops of rail passengers against theft, accident and/or any other mishaps;

(b) whether it is also a fact that IRCTC held talks with insurance companies in this regard; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that IRCTC travel insurance scheme was a big success, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The matter of insurance cover for mobiles and laptops of rail passengers against theft, accident and/or any other mishaps is not under consideration.

(c) Optional Travel Insurance Scheme has been successfully implemented with effect from 01.09.2016 for reserved railway passengers who book e-ticket, excluding sub urban train, through IRCTC. Approximately, 55% of the eligible passengers (Confirmed/RAC) are opting for Travel Insurance. On daily basis approximately 3.5 lakh passengers per day are opting for Travel Insurance.

Delhi-Ranchi and Delhi-Patna high-speed railway system

1268. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched joint feasibility study on high-speed railway system on Delhi-Ranchi and Delhi-Patna route; and

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

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

(b) At present feasibility studies for certain corridors of Diamond Quadrilateral have been initiated including Delhi-Kolkata which covers Delhi-Patna. The study has been awarded to a Spanish Consultant, M/s INECO.

Electrification of railway tracks

1269. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many kilometres of railway tracks have been electrified during 2014-15 and 2015-16, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) how many kilometres of tracks are scheduled to be electrified during 2016-17, the State-wise details thereof, and

(c) whether any plan is under contemplation to electrify the tracks between Farakka Junction and Cooch Behar Junction and between Katihar Junction in Bihar and Farakka Junction in West Bengal, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) 1375 route kilometres and 1730 route kilometres of railway lines have been electrified in 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively. 2000 route kilometres of railway line have been planned for electrification in 2016-17. State-wise details are as under:-

| Sl. No. | States | State-wise Route Kilometres Electrified in 2014-15 | State-wise Route Kilometres Electrified in 2015-16 | State-wise Route Kilometres planned to be Electrified in 2016-17 |
|---------|----------------|--|--|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 211 | 249 | 64 |
| 2. | Bihar | 02 | 10 | 172 |
| 3. | Chhattisgarh | - | - | 15 |
| 4. | Delhi | - | - | - |
| 5. | Gujarat | - | 115 | 73 |