

(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

1	2	3	4	5
6.	Haryana	-	320	81
7.	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	25
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	40	-	-
9.	Jharkhand	55	-	48
10.	Karnataka	105	149	22
11.	Kerala	04	-	-
12.	Madhya Pradesh	251	271	53
13.	Maharashtra	128	171	22
14.	Odisha	151	165	327
15.	Punjab	-	47	181
16.	Puducherry	-	-	-
17.	Rajasthan	-	72	278
18.	Tamil Nadu	03	-	100
19.	Telangana	11	-	50
20.	Uttar Pradesh	251	76	323
21.	Uttarakhand	22	30	-
22.	West Bengal	141	55	166
23.	Other States	-	-	-
TOTAL		1375	1730	2000

(c) Yes, Sir. Electrification of New Farakka-Kumedpur-Barsoi-New Cooch Behar and Katihar-Kumedpur-New Farakka Lines are part of Barauni-Katihar-Guwahati including Katihar-Basoi and Kumedpur-Malda-Singhabad and Pakur-Malda sanctioned railway electrification projects. Both the projects have been entrusted to Central Organisation for Railway Electrification (CORE), Allahabad and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for execution. However, at present, there is no proposal to electrify New Cooch Behar-Cooch Behar section.

#### **Change in railway ticket refund rules**

1270. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway Board has changed the railway ticket refund rules since 2013;