

as per availability of resources and progress of the project.

(c) and (d) All sanctioned projects are reviewed periodically both at Ministry and Zonal Railway level for which there exists well established mechanism. Railway projects have been prioritized in A to C category in order of their importance. Category A has been further sub-categorized as A1 for National Projects, A2 for cost sharing projects with the State Governments, A3 for intermediate critical projects, A4 for medium critical projects and A5 for other important projects.

Capacity augmentation of Railways on major trunk routes

3468. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have decided a massive capacity augmentation on certain major trunk routes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the time by which passengers are likely to get train ticket reservation on demand on all the premier and mail/express trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Upgradation and expansion of Indian Railways on all trunk routes is an ongoing process. Indian Railways have planned large scale infrastructure development and modernization for augmenting capacity including new lines, doubling, gauge conversion, electrification, construction of Eastern (Ludhiana to Dankuni) and Western (Jawaharlal Nehru Port to Dadri) Dedicated Freight Corridors, etc.

(b) On Indian Railways, the demand pattern is not uniform throughout the year and it varies during the peak and lean seasons. The demand for travel surges especially during the peak season like summer holidays, festivals etc. Indian Railways continuously strive to cater to the increased demand for travel by various measures like introduction of new trains, enhancement of the composition of more popular trains and attachment of extra coaches in the existing trains. Also, special trains are run for clearance of extra passenger traffic during peak seasons, festivals, special events, keeping in view the pattern of traffic, commercial justification, operational feasibility etc.

Strengthening safety infrastructure of Railways

3469. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations made in the report of Safety Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Anil Kakodkar in February, 2016;