

At present, two no. of escalators have been provided at Bilaspur Railway Station and additional 2 escalators are likely to be provided by March 2018.

Modernisation and extension of railway in Eastern Uttar Pradesh

†3020. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the plan of modernisation and extension of railway in eastern Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of the progress in the extension work of the line from Sahjanwa to Dohrighat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) On Indian Railways, modernisation and extension of Railways are not planned according to State and territorial boundaries. However, 15 new lines, 49 doubling, 9 gauge conversion and 33 Railway electrification works falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been included in different annual budgets.

(b) Sahjanwa-Dohrighat new line work has been included in budget of 2016-17, subject to requisite approvals from the Government.

Reduction in emission standards

3021. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to reduce emission standards of Railways to achieve Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) targets submitted by India in the Paris Agreement, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether year-wise targets have been planned, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of low carbon and energy-efficient initiatives planned for the sector during this period; and

(d) the details of investments Railways are planning in low carbon and renewable energy initiatives in the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. At present, there are no emission standards for locomotives in India. However, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MOEF&CC),

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