

consented to increase the Authorized Share Capital of Konkan Railway from ₹806.47 Crs to ₹ 4000 Crs.

In the first phase, Konkan Railway has approached Government of Goa for the Equity Payment of ₹18.60 Crs. for Track Doubling and Railway Electrification.

(d) and (e) For proposed Capacity Doubling Project of Konkan Railway, about 45 Hectares of land in Goa Sector will be required.

### Upgradation of railway stations

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

(a) the total number of railway stations under South Central Railway (SCR), Central Railway (CR) and Western Railway (WR);

(b) the number of stations upgraded during the last three years; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to ensure availability of minimum essential amenities at all the stations under SCR, CR and WR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) The total number of railway stations under Central Railway, South Central Railway and Western Railway are as under:

Sl. No.	Zonal Railway	No. of stations
1	Central Railway	475
2	South Central Railway	704
3	Western Railway	792
	Total	1971

(b) At present, Railway Stations are upgraded/modernised under 'Adarsh' Station Scheme. Under this scheme, 206 railway stations have been developed during the last three years i.e. 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 on Indian Railways.

(c) Minimum essential amenities have been provided at all railway stations on South Central Railway and Western Railway. All Minimum Essential Amenities have been provided at 391 railway stations out of 475 railway stations on Central Railway.

Action plan has already been formulated by Central Railway to eliminate shortfall of minimum essential amenities at the remaining stations.

**Flexi fare system**

†769. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the passengers are facing difficulties due to Flexi Fare System introduced for Shatabdi and Rajdhani Express trains; and

(b) if so, by when the Government will withdraw said fare system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) No inconvenience to the passengers has been caused since only fares have been rationalised and no major changes have been made in the booking/cancellation system due to flexi fare scheme in Shatabdi, Rajdhani and Duronto Trains.

(b) Review of all existing schemes is an ongoing process to effect improvement. Accordingly, an interim review of the flexi fare system has been made and the following changes have been made with effect from 20.12.2016:—

- (i) 10% rebate in basic fare on vacant berths/seats after preparation of first chart in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto trains.
- (ii) Provision of Tatkal quota has been reduced in flexi fare trains from maximum 30% to 10% of the total available berths.
- (iii) Discounted fare has been offered for the passengers of Jaipur-Ajmer and Ajmer-Jaipur in 12015/12016 New Delhi-Ajmer Shatabdi Express and for the passengers of Bengaluru City-Mysuru and Mysuru-Bengaluru City in 12007/12008 Chennai Central-Mysuru Shatabdi Express.

**Setting up of electric loco workshop in Kalahandi, Odisha**

770. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have sanctioned setting up of an electric loco periodical overhauling workshop in Kalahandi, Odisha, if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.