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Commissioning of khurda road bypass line

783. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the target date of Railways for commissioning of the Khurda Road bypass line (1.3 kms) to facilitate smooth movement of trains between Puri and important south Odisha cities like Brahmapur, Ganjam, Chhatrapur, Chilika, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): Khurda Road bypass line from Argul to Haripurgram (1.616 Km) project was sanctioned in 2015-16 at a cost of ₹25.22 crore. Requisition for land acquisition (5.595 acre) for the project has been placed with the State Government and payment has also been made. Tenders for earthwork, minor bridges, P.Way linking have been finalized and the work has been started in the available land of Railways.

Revenue generated from flexi fare system

784. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the revenue generated through Flexi Fare System from 9th September, 2016 till 11th November, 2016;

(b) whether it is a fact that 8,95,462 seats/berths remained vacant in this period, if so, the details of the total revenue which Railways would have generated if full seats/berths were sold out;

(c) if so, whether the reason of these vacant seats is surge pricing, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government is planning to introduce Flexi Fare System in other than the 148 trains at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) Occupancy of the train varies during peak, non-peak, festivals seasons, special occasions and weekends etc. Therefore, sometimes the trains run with higher occupancy (more than the berth potential) and some times during non-peak times, some berths remain vacant. Flexi fare system has been introduced in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto trains from 09.09.2016. In most of these trains, advance reservation

period is 120 days. From 9th September to 11th November, 2016 in many trains berths/ seats thus would have been booked on old rates without Flexi fare. Therefore actual assessment of Flexi Fare system cannot be made for the period.

However, during the period from September 2016 upto June 2017, Railways have generated additional earnings of about ₹551 crore after introduction of Flexi fare system compared to the same period of previous year. Number of passengers booked in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto trains during June 2017 is also more than the passengers booked in these trains during previous year.

(d) At present, there is no proposal to introduce Flexi Fare system in other trains.

Supply of power to railways

†785. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of power supply companies who have supplied power to Railways in the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016;

(b) the details of the quantum and cost of power supplied by the said companies, year-wise;

(c) whether procurement agreements have been made with some other companies for power supply in the year 2017; and

(d) if so, the details of quantity and the cost involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Indian Railways (IR) has procured power from the following six power supply companies during the said period:

1. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
2. TATA Group (TATA)
3. Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC)
4. Adani Power Ltd. (APL)
5. Ratnagiri Gas & Power Pvt. Ltd (RGPPL)
6. Jindal India Thermal Power Limited (JIPTL)

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