

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) At present, there are about 235 pairs of long distance trains having more than 24 hours travel time in which pantry cars have been provided.

(b) to (d) Since there is paucity of pantry cars, attachment of pantry car to any train depends upon order of priority with respect to category of train *viz.* Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Duronto/Mail/ Express trains etc, load limitation and journey time of train etc. However, passengers of the train can order food of their choice through e-catering which is available at all major stations en-route and through static units available at all stations en-route.

Rail line from Wanpoh to Shopian *via* Kulgam

2848. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan for a new railway line from Wanpoh to Shopian *via* Kulgam in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) The proposals for new line projects are planned on the basis of demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives and Railways' own requirement. They are taken up after a survey on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

Railways has large throwforward of ongoing new line projects. Presently, there is no proposal under consideration for new line from Wanpoh to Shopian *via* Kulgam in Jammu and Kashmir.

Progress of Wanpoh-Pahalgam project

2849. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress of extension of a project from Wanpoh to Pahalgam, the holy cave Amarnath in Jammu and Kashmir;

- (b) whether any time-frame has been set for this project; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Presently, there is no proposal for extension of project from Wanpoh to Pahalgam the holy cave Amarnath in Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Development of high density corridors under PPP mode

2850. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of projects, if any, undertaken under the PPP mode for development of high-density corridors along with the details thereof;
- (b) whether the number of goods trains between major commercial and industrial centres and between collieries and power stations had increased; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Part of the East Coast high-density corridor Bhadrak-Nergundi (67 km.) third-line project, has been identified for execution in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Further, 17 Rail Connectivity Projects (including 3 Non Government Railway) have also been taken up with private and public-sector partners under participative policy of Ministry of Railways connecting Ports, Mines and Industrial Clusters under first mile and last mile connectivity.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Average number of rakes loaded per day on Indian Railways has increased from 937 in 2016-17 to 977 in 2017-18. Average number of Coal rakes loaded per day for power houses has increased from 253 in 2016-17 to 258 in 2017-18.

Laying of new railway lines and revenue generated therefrom

†2851. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the length of railway line in kilometres which has been laid in the country from 2014 till date, State-wise and the amount of revenue generated by Railway Ministry by running the trains on these new railway lines along with the number of railway lines planned to be laid down by the Government in coming times?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.