

(c) 4,12,488 Mail Express trains reached destination on time out of 5,77,756 Mail Express trains run during the year 2017-18.

Motihari-sitamarhi rail line via Shivhar

†1267. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 689 kilometer long Motihari-Sitamarhi rail line via Shivhar had been approved in 2007;

(b) whether approximately ₹ 100 crore have been spent on this rail project during last ten years;

(c) whether it is a fact that Railways have cancelled the Motihari-Sitamarhi via Shivhar rail line;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government is aware of the fact that Shivhar region, which is on the border of Nepal, is very backward and is deprived of railway facility even today after so many years of independence; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) The Motihari-Sitamarhi (78 km) new line project was included in supplementary Budget 2006-07 at an estimated cost of ₹ 211 crore. An expenditure of ₹ 24 crore has been incurred on this project upto 31.03.2018.

(c) to (f) The Motihari-Sitamarhi (78 km) new line project was put on hold in view of available railway routes in the adjoining area and negative rate of return of the project. Now a proposal for part execution of the project from Sitamarhi to Shivhar (28 Km) is under examination.

Late running of trains

†1268. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the trains are arriving late to their destinations with a delay of at least two-three hours;

(b) whether Government is aware that trains' movement is getting delayed by two-three hours on the Delhi-Mughalsarai section;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.