

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) No Sir. This project was included in Capital Investment Programme of 2017-18 in anticipation of investments through Joint Ventures/Special Purpose Vehicle/Partnerships with State Governments and Stakeholders. So far, Government of Uttar Pradesh has not signed any Joint Venture Agreement with Ministry of Railways.

However, survey for construction of Sambhal-Gajraula (43 km) Railway line has been completed. As per survey report, cost of project has been assessed as 562.83 crore with a Rate of Return (ROR) of (-) 4.59%. As the Project was not financially viable, it could not be taken up further.

Purchase of rails

139. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of rails purchased by Railways during 2014-15 to 2016-17 from Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Jindal Steel and Power and from foreign companies; and

(b) the number of exceptions granted to Railways to purchase rails from private companies after the declaration of Make in India along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) The quantity of rails supplied to Indian Railways during 2014-15 to 2016-17 by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is as under:

Year	Supply of Rails by SAIL (in Metric Tonnes)
2014-2015	583787
2015-2016	645514
2016-2017	620050

Quantity of Rails purchased by Indian Railways from Jindal Steel and Power Company Limited and from foreign companies during 2014-15 to 2016-17 is NIL.

(b) Only one exception has been granted to Ministry of Railways.

Waiver from “Policy for Providing Preference to Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI&SP) Policy” has been granted to Ministry of Railways, by Ministry of Steel for procurement of 4.87 lakh Metric Tonnes rails through open global tender to meet the shortfall in supply of rails by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), subject to placement of developmental order of 20% of quantity under procurement on domestic producer in line with “Make in India” vision.