

State Government has been requested to augment the number of security personnel deployed in the project area. Railway is also contemplating to ask Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for deployment of Territorial Army (TA) resources also for improved security at the project sites.

Due to reasons stated above, no timeline can be fixed for completion of Jiribam-Imphal new line project.

Trebling of freight-moving ability of Railways

157. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are aiming towards trebling its freight-moving ability to carry three billion tonnes of materials by 2030 in sync with an expected swelling of the Indian economy to touch the US \$ 10 trillion mark;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Railways are also aiming to claim 50 per cent of market share of country's freight movement;

(c) whether over the years, its share of total freight movement has been near 35 per cent; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Railways aims at improving its freight moving ability considerably to meet the future market demands. The aim laid out for Railways in the National Transport Development Policy Committee (NTDPC) report is to attain a 50% market share by the year 2032

(c) and (d) The National Transport Development Policy Committee set up in the year 2010 had estimated the rail share of freight traffic at about 33% during 2013-14.

Vacant railway land

158. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total vacant land belonging to Railways estimated in the country;

(b) whether Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) has been mandated to identify vacant railway land or plots for leasing out for commercial exploitation;

(c) if so, the details of vacant land/plots identified so far and the revenue expected to be generated;