

year period from 2015-16 to 2019-20 for financing Railway projects. These funds are being utilized in mostly Doubling and Electrification projects.

Upgradation of nandyal railway station

945. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways' attention is drawn to the plight of passengers and goods transporters at Nandyal railway station, which contributes ₹ 32 crore revenue in the Guntur division of South Central Railway; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to redress the grievances of commuters, and upgrade the Nandyal railway station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nandyal is a Non Suburban Grade (NSG)-4 (earlier "B") category station. All minimum essential amenities have been provided at this station as per norms. This station has also been developed under Adarsh Station Scheme. However, upgradation of stations is a continuous and on-going process and works in this regard are undertaken depending upon need, volume of the passenger traffic and inter-se priority subject to availability of funds.

Core components for bullet train

946. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as reported in a section of the media on 18 January, 2018, Japanese companies will meet at least 70 per cent of core components for India's first Bullet train and train track;

(b) if so, whether the new venture would undermine India's new basic thrust on Make in India; and

(c) the steps proposed/planned/already taken to let Indian companies participate in the construction of the Bullet train either on their own with indigenous technology or as India-Japan JVs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Japanese component of the project is estimated to be about 18.6% of the total project cost. Make in India is an integral part of the project. A joint Indian and Japanese Task Force on Make in India and Transfer

of Technology under Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project has been constituted to provide a platform for Indian and Japanese companies to come together and facilitate tie-ups by way of formation of Joint Venture and Transfer of Technology. The Task Force and the four subgroups constituted for civil works, track, rolling stock and electrical and System areas have held several meetings in this regard.

Zero scrap balance

947. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be please to state:

- (a) whether Government has fixed a target for Zero scrap balance till March, 2018;
- (b) if so, the details thereof,
- (c) the details of volume of scrap available, Zone-wise and State-wise; and
- (d) the details of the value of scrap materials sold in the last three years, Zone-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Generation and sales of unserviceable/scrap railway material is an ongoing process and is monitored at highest level in Zonal Railways and in Railway Board. Railway administration takes regular and all out efforts to mobilise scrap materials and sale through e-auction. However, all the Zonal Railways and Production Units have been advised to sell all identified scrap and achieve the Zero scrap balance by 31st March, 2018.

(c) and (d) Information regarding volume of scrap available and value of scrap are given in the Statement.