

- (iii) A work for modernization of Signaling system over Indian Railway has been included in works programme 2018-19, subject to mandatory approvals of NITI Aayog and Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) etc.

(c) With a view to increasing speed of trains in Indian Railways, "Mission Raftaar" has been announced in the Railway Budget 2016-17. The mission envisages a target of doubling of average speed of freight trains in next 5 years. Action Plan for improving mobility and increasing average speed of freight trains includes right powering of freight trains, introduction of twin-pipe in wagons, reduction in speed restrictions, construction of road over bridges (ROBs) and road under bridges (RUBs) etc.

#### **Day train between Chennai and Nagercoil**

1741. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to run day train between Chennai and Nagercoil in Tamil Nadu;

(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) No, Sir. At present, it is not feasible to introduce a day time train between Chennai and Nagercoil due to operational constraints. However, at present, 16127 Chennai-Guruvayur Express serves the Chennai-Nagercoil section as a day time service leaving Chennai at 08:15 hrs. and arriving Nagercoil at 21:30 hrs.

#### **Healthcare centres and Jan Aushadhi stores at railway stations**

1742. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing to establish healthcare centres along with Jan Aushadhi Stores at various railway stations of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the various facilities that would be available in such proposed healthcare centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Railway projects in Chhattisgarh**

†1743. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the on-going railway projects in Chhattisgarh, project-wise and Zone-wise;

(b) the details of the number of projects which are running behind schedule, Zone-wise;

(c) the details regarding the reasons for delay in completing such projects, project-wise and whether the cost of project will increase due to this, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has taken any steps to complete these projects on time, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) The details of the Railway projects falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh alongwith the details of each such project are as under:-

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.