

introduce a new Rajdhani train service from Bhubaneswar to Delhi *via* Sambalpur to cope up with the passenger growth;

(b) if so, the details of the project along with the timeline for its completion, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is planning to divert an existing Rajdhani and run the same *via* Sambalpur; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor along with its impact on the frequency of the existing route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The request regarding introduction of a direct Rajdhani train from Bhubaneswar to Delhi *via* Sambalpur has been examined but not found feasible due to operational constraints. As an alternative, it has been decided to divert the services of 22811/22812 Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani Express (earlier operating as tri-weekly service) once a week *via* Sambalpur City, Jharsuguda. This train is now running with a new number 20817/20818 Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani Express (*via* Sambalpur) w.e.f 10.02.2018. However, despite the said diversion, the number of services operating between Bhubaneswar and New Delhi remains unchanged.

Doubling of railway lines in Uttarakhand

†2538. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the elected representatives of the State of Uttarakhand have requested for doubling of railway lines in the State, if so, the names thereof;

(b) the amount earmarked for the financial year 2018-19 for the doubling of which railway lines in Uttarakhand along with the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the railway lines expected to be taken up for doubling in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) Requests for doubling of railway line, both formal as well as informal, are received by Railways at various levels *i.e.* Railway Board, Zonal Railways and Divisional Headquarters, etc. As receipt of such requests/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained.

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Doubling of Haridwar-Laksar (27.03 km.) falling fully/partly in the State of Uttarakhand has been taken up. An outlay of ₹ 75.00 crore has been proposed for this project for the year 2018-19.

Soiled toilets at railway stations of Delhi and NCR

†2539. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that people seldom use the toilets situated at railway stations of Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR) because of their remaining unclean;

(b) if so, whether toilets are cleaned daily or weekly, the details thereof;

(c) whether permanent appointments of staff have been made for cleaning up work;

(d) if not, whether Government shall appoint permanent staff for regular cleaning of toilets; and

(e) if not, whether sanitation work could be given on contract basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Toilets at Railway Stations of Delhi and NCR are used regularly and therefore, cleaned at regular intervals on daily basis as per requirement. Maintenance of cleanliness is a continuous process. All out efforts are being made to further improve the standard of cleanliness of railway stations including toilets.

(c) to (e) Zonal Railways have been authorized to form their own policy on operation and maintenance including cleanliness of toilets at various categories of stations and award contracts for maintaining toilets through 'Pay and Use' or maintain them in-house by deploying Railway staff as per the situation/site conditions.

Cleanliness cess

2540. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways charge 0.5 per cent of the fare in the name of cleanliness;

(b) if so, the amount collected so far;

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