

Track Circuiting, provision of Block Proving Axle Counters (BPAC), Color Light LED signals, Train Protection Warning System (TPWS), Vigilance Control Device (VCD), Fog Pass Device (FPD), usage of 52/60 kg., 90 or higher Ultimate Tensile Strength (UTS) rails and pre-stressed Concrete Sleepers, use of Ultrasonic Flaw Detection of rails and welds at predefined periodicity to detect internal flaws in rails/welds. Electronic monitoring of track geometry is carried out to detect defects and plan maintenance. Steel Channel Sleepers on girder bridges are being used while carrying out primary track renewal. Further, it has been decided to lay Thick Web switches, Weldable Cast Maganese Steel crossings on identified routes. Progressive use of Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) Coaches, use of Centre Buffer Couplers with Integral Coach Factory Coaches, etc. Railway tracks are replaced on age-cum-condition basis through track renewal works which is an ongoing process. Other measures include training of loco pilots and other safety category staff, improvement of their working conditions including proper rest and periodic medical examination etc. Besides, patrolling of tracks, footplate inspections and safety reviews at various levels, etc. are regularly conducted to continuously monitor and improve safety aspects of the Indian Railways.

#### **Expenditure from RRSK in Tamil Nadu**

2686. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has spent any amount from Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh (RRSK) for various works in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) The budgeting units of Indian Railways are Zonal/Production Units and budget allocations are made Railway zone-wise. Details of State-wise share/allocations are not maintained. However, since the State of Tamil Nadu is primarily served by Southern and South Western Railways, a statement indicating Planhead-wise Budget Outlays 2018-19 and expenditure to end of November, 2018 out of 'Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh' under Southern Railway and South Western Railway is as under:—

*Capital Expenditure to end of November, 2018 under RRSK-Southern  
and South Western Railways*

(₹ in crore)

Plan head	Southern Railway			South Western Railway		
	Budget Estimate 2018-19	Expenditure upto November, 2018	% utilisation	Budget Estimate 2018-19	Expenditure upto November, 2018	% utilisation
Traffic Facilities	3.71	3.54	95%	0.56	5.01	895%
Rolling stock	23.92	7.96	33%	3.58	5.43	152%
Level Crossings	62.48	33.93	54%	20.41	12.64	62%
Road Over/Under Bridges	440.37	244.98	56%	189.88	46.7	25%
Track Renewals	960	497.95	52%	474	317.9	67%
Bridge Works	66.28	21	32%	28.84	5.79	20%
Signal and Telecom Works	114.76	51.65	45%	40.4	23.85	59%
Other Electrical Works	0.89	0.19	21%	1	0.43	43%
Traction Distribution Works	21.69	8.42	39%	2.05	0.88	43%
Machinery and Plant	16.41	1.98	12%	4.35	1.24	29%
Workshops including PUs	20.27	8.3	41%	3.78	1.33	35%
Staff Quarters	-	-	-	-	-0.01	-
Passengers Amenities	70.2	9.18	13%	59.54	3.48	6%
Training/HRD	1.81	0.24	13%	7.35	-	-
Credits/recoveries	182.60	58.19	32%	68.33	5.52	8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1620.19</b>	<b>831.13</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>767.41</b>	<b>419.15</b>	<b>55%</b>

**All-women stations across the country**

2687. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have opened all-women railway station at Hijli, West Bengal and have plan to open 29 all-women stations, nationwide; and

(b) if so, by when these 29 all-women stations would be opened in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Hijli was declared to be an all women station on 8th May, 2018. All concerned staff including booking clerk, ticket checking staff, parcel clerk including night shift were women. However, due to promotional transfers, shortage