

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the ranking; and

(c) whether it is a fact that iconic stations in big cities have been found to have moved down in the ranking and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Railways had conducted a survey regarding cleanliness at 407 major Railway Stations in the country. The details of the survey are available on Indian Railways website at the link "http://www.indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard/uploads/directorate/Environment_Management/Swachh_Rail_Swachh_Bharat_2018_Report.pdf".

(c) The marks obtained by most of the stations have improved. It clearly shows that all stations are striving hard to improve. It is not correct that iconic stations have moved down in ranking e.g. Mumbai CST has improved in score and also ranking. However, some of the stations have come down in ranking, though they have secured more marks than previous year, as other stations have shown higher improvement.

Lalitpur-Singrauli railway project

†2707. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work for Lalitpur-Singrauli railway project has been started by construction company;

(b) if so, the allotment and expenditure of funds during the last three years and progress made thereon and by when the work is targeted to be completed; and

(c) if not, the detailed reasons therefor?

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

(b) and (c) Lalitpur-Khajuraho (167 km) and Mahoba-Khajuraho (62.50 km) sections have been commissioned. Land acquisition has been taken up in the remaining sections and work taken up in the available land.

During last three years (2015-16 to 2017-18), ₹ 1072.05 crore has been incurred as an expenditure and an outlay of ₹ 315 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2018-19.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Completion of the project is dependent upon many factors such as land acquisition, statutory clearances like forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, cutting of trees. Since many of these factors are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways, timeline for completion of the project is not feasible to be fixed.

Rating of railway zones

2708. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have decided to give rating to its various zones;

(b) if so, the details of this move and parameters under which each zone is going to be assessed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that rating of its 16 zones was done by Railway Board between April and December, 2016;

(d) if so, the details of such rating, with particular reference to South Central Railway Zone; and

(e) the manner in which Railways are going to reward the performing zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (e) There is no existing practice to give ratings to various Railway zones. However, to further assign greater accountability to the Zonal Railways and also to ensure that decision making at field level gets expedited, Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) are being signed between Secretary, Railway Board and General Managers of all the Zonal Railways separately, since 2016-17. Under these agreements, all the Zonal Railways, including South Central Railway, undertake to achieve the targets set in the MOU. Performance of Zonal Railways is evaluated through Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) mentioned in the MOU relating to operational and financial performance, capacity enhancement, capacity utilization and manpower. The MOU also entails self-assessment of performance by General Managers in respect of their zones on a monthly basis based on the performance indicators, highlighting areas of concern and corrective action planned to meet performance gaps.

Performance of Train-18

2709. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of India's first high speed train known as Train-18 has been satisfactory and is progressing as per schedule; and