

182 Km, 77 Km falls in the State of Jharkhand and remaining 105 Km falls in the State of Chhattisgarh. The then Planning Commission has accorded (June, 2012) 'In Principle' approval to the aforesaid project with the condition that the Railway gets land free of cost from concerned State Govt. and approach Coal India, which has huge investible surplus, with the request to jointly develop this project as a joint venture. Accordingly, State Government of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Coal India Ltd. were requested in May, 2013 to provide land free of cost and develop this project jointly. At that time, neither State Government of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand nor Coal India Ltd. responded. As such project could not be taken forward.

Now Chhattisgarh Railway Corporation Ltd. a Joint Venture Company of Government of Chhattisgarh and Ministry of Railways has identified this project as a potential project for further development and has awarded a consultancy contract in November, 2017 for assessment of economic viability and feasibility of Barwadih-Ambikapur (182 Km) new line. Report once completed will be considered by the Board of CRCL for taking the project forward or not.

Project-wise details including expenditure incurred thereon and budget allocations made for the projects over the years are available in budget documents presented to the Parliament and also available on Indian Railways website www.indianrailways.gov.in.

Funds for projects are given based on status of land acquisition, progress of project, relative priority and last mile connectivity projects.

Expansion of passenger rail services to Madhya Pradesh

†726. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of the updated status regarding announcement and implementation of passenger service expansion during the last four years for every train starting from and reaching Madhya Pradesh and information regarding proposals of forthcoming new rail passenger services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): Indian Railways do not run train services on State-wise basis as railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, during the last 4 years, 35 train services (in single) originating and terminating in the State of Madhya Pradesh have been introduced.

Further, introduction of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways keeping in view operational feasibility, traffic demand and availability of resources.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.