

New rail lines in Haryana and Punjab

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

(a) the total number of railway projects announced for Haryana and Punjab for laying new rail lines during the last three years and the current year and the details thereof;

(b) whether the work has been initiated on these projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Railway projects are not sanctioned State-wise. However, Panipat-Meerut (104 km.) and Rajpura-Mohali (24 km.), 2 new line projects have been announced in the Budget in the last 3 financial years including current financial year 2018-19, which are falling fully/partly in the States of Haryana and Punjab.

(b) to (d) Detailed Project Report for Panipat-Meerut new line project has been taken up. Government of Punjab has been requested for cost sharing of Rajpura-Mohali new line project. Consent is awaited.

Technology to prevent rail accidents

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

(a) whether Government has put in place various technologies to avert rail accidents caused due to derailment, collision, SADP etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any assessment regarding the effectiveness of a particular technology for using it in Indian Railways (IR) on pan-India basis to prevent accidents;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Safety is accorded the highest priority by Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on a continual basis to prevent