

(f) Railway track and the area in its vicinity being a safety zone, construction activity is not preferred. Konkan Railway has also not undertaken any development works above Railway track. The railway stations at Vashi and Belapur in Mumbai constructed by City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO), were developed alongwith the track as a greenfield project, which made it technically feasible to undertake construction over the tracks also. However, this is not technically feasible, at present, on the existing tracks which are in operation.

(g) Yes, Sir. In order to utilise the vacant railway land resources for generating non fare revenues, RLDA has been setup by an amendment to the Railways Act, 1989 (Act No. 47 of 2005) for commercial development of vacant Railway land of all Zonal Railways. Further, it has been envisaged to develop various Railway stations in the country while commercially exploiting the land with Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC) as a nodal agency.

Electrification of track and gauge conversion

3915. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to ensure electrification of all railway tracks by 2022;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated in the previous year, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken steps to convert all viable rail tracks to broad gauge by 2022; and

(d) if so, the details of funds allocated in the previous year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Yes, Sir. In view of various advantages of Railway Electrification, Ministry of Railways has planned to electrify balance Broad Gauge routes of Indian Railways by 2021-22 and various steps in this direction have been taken.

(b) Railway Electrification works are not confined to State/Union Territories boundaries. However, Budget Allocation to Railway Electrification projects under Plan Head-35 during previous year *i.e.* 2018-19 was ₹ 6,302.00 crores.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The projects are not sanctioned State-wise, area-wise and region-wise. Since railway projects are generally straddle over more than one State,

details of ongoing projects are maintained Zone-wise. Details of all ongoing works, allotment of funds and expenditure on each project are made available in public domain Indian Railways website *i.e.* www.indianrailways.gov.in> Ministry of Railways>Railway Board>About Indian Railways>Railway Board Directorates>Finance(Budget)>Railway wise Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme –Regular Budget 2019-20.

On Board housekeeping of trains

3916. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken/is taking steps to augment 'On Board Housekeeping Services' (OBHS) on all trains across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has included water filling and keeping the running trains neat and clean under the 'On Board House keeping facility';
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) On Board Housekeeping Service (OBHS) is provided in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and other important long distance Mail/Express trains for cleaning of vestibuled coach's toilets, doorways, aisles and passenger compartments during the run of the trains on other than purely overnight trains.

OBHS has been provided in nearly 1080 pairs of trains, including nearly 550 pairs of trains added in around last 4 years.

'Coach Mitra' service has been provided in nearly 1040 pairs of OBHS trains as a single window interface to register coach related requirements of passengers such as cleaning, disinfestation, linen, train lighting, air conditioning and watering of coaches.

(c) to (e) Cleaning on run is included in On Board Housekeeping Service (OBHS). Water filling in coaches is a separate activity and is done at both ends/terminals and at nominated enroute stations by ground staff.