

Proposal to make Kazipet junction into a new division

2206. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to make Kazipet Junction as new division in Telangana State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon along with the details of the funds sanctioned and spent so far post bifurcation of the State of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Requests for formation of new railway Division at Kazipet have been received from time to time from various fora. This request was examined from the standpoint of administrative and operational requirement and was not found feasible.

Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh

2207. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Union Budget 2017-18, the Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh was created to provide for passenger safety in Railways, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the safety fund is used towards elimination of unmanned level crossings and improving and modernising signalling systems; and

(c) if so, the quantum of fund Government has provided under the scheme and how much of it has been utilised under the scheme till date for passenger safety, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh (RRSK) has been created in 2017-18 with a corpus of ₹1 lakh crore over a period of five years for critical safety related works with an annual outlay of ₹20,000 crore, which includes ₹15,000 crore from Gross Budgetary Support and ₹5,000 crore out of Railways' internal resources. Expenditure of ₹16,091 crore and ₹18,015 crore has been incurred out of RRSK in 2017-18 and 2018-19. An outlay of ₹20,000 crore has been allocated under RRSK in Budget Estimates 2019-20 also. RRSK is utilized for financing