

(c) There is no proposal/demand to build a Holiday Home in Ayodhya at present.

Outstanding payment burden of railways

3004. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have huge outstanding payments to diesel and electric power supply companies and also that the State Electricity Boards and NTPC increase the tariffs arbitrarily adding to the burden of Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Railways do not have huge outstanding payments to diesel and electric power supply companies. Details are as under:

Diesel fuel:-

Payments of diesel fuel bills is a continuous process on the Indian Railways. The bills keep on coming periodically and are also cleared in the same manner.

Electric Power:-

No amount is outstanding on Railways related to payments of electric power supply companies. Indian Railways (IR) promptly make payments to the utilities except in cases of any dispute. The state electricity boards who have increased the tariffs arbitrarily and add to the burden of Railways are listed below:-

Name of State	Average traction energy cost in 2016-17 (₹/unit)	Average traction energy cost in 2018-19 (₹/unit)
Odisha	5.94	6.40
Kerala	5.78	6.01
Punjab	6.39	7.74
Tamil Nadu	8.11	8.61
Uttarakhand	5.06	5.91
West Bengal	7.06	7.26