

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Bhubaneswar Railway station is being redeveloped with the cooperation of Government of Odisha. An MoU has been signed between East Coast Railway and State Govt. of Odisha on 19.09.2019 for redevelopment of Bhubaneswar Railway station.

Ajmer-Sawai Madhopur rail line

773. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR:

SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new rail line from Ajmer (Nasirabad) to Sawai Madhopur (Chauth Ka Barwara) *via* Tonk has been approved by Government and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Government of Rajasthan has agreed to share 50 per cent cost of the project, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Rajasthan has agreed to provide land for project free of cost, if so, details thereof;

(d) whether Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Central and Rajasthan Government for cost sharing, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and

(e) the present status of project and time-frame to complete the said project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Ajmer (Nasirabad)-Sawai Madhopur (Chauth Ka Barwara) *via* Tonk (165 Km) new line project was sanctioned in 2015-16 with the proviso to share 50% of the final construction cost of the project and providing land free of cost by the State Government of Rajasthan.

Accordingly, State Government was requested for funding 50% cost of the project and providing land free of cost.

Since as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Railways and Government of Rajasthan, the Government of Rajasthan has neither provided the total land required for this project nor deposited their share to Railways, hence, the project is present!) held up on account of the same.