

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Hon'ble National Green Tribunal instructed Railways to achieve ISO: 14001 Environment Management System for atleast 5% of the major stations. Accordingly Railways identified 37 stations, which were to be inspected by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). These stations can be declared as Eco Smart Stations, if all the requirements of Environment Management Systems are fulfilled.

None of the identified stations fall in the state of Haryana.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.

Station redevelopment in Assam

754. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the techno-economic feasibility studies of the railway stations being undertaken in Assam for stations redevelopment;
- (b) whether the feasibility studies themselves incorporate Innovative Revenue Models, Public-Private Partnership and Viability Gap Funding while making their assessment;
- (c) whether the station redevelopment is intended to cover major cities and centres only or would it also target stations in lesser developed regions;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether Government has introduced any measures to aid in the development of railway stations in the backward areas of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (e) Ministry of Railways through various agencies is undertaking techno-economic feasibility studies of Railway stations. Based on the outcome of these feasibility studies, stations are planned to be taken up for redevelopment in phases. Kamakhya Railway station of Assam state has been taken up for techno-economic feasibility studies by Indian Railway Station Development Corporation. All the possible models *i.e.*, various modes of Public Private Partnerships (PPP), Joint Venture with State Govt. entities/other Public

Sector Undertakings, combination of PPP mode and Engineering, Procurement and Consultancy (EPC), standalone EPC (in certain circumstances), etc. are being considered. Station redevelopment project is intended to cover major Railway stations which are financially viable. The cost of station redevelopment project is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around stations.

Modernisation of stations under various developmental schemes is a continuous and on-going process. Works are taken up as per requirement, volume of passengers, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. Recently four stations *viz.* Guwahati, New Tinsukia, Alipurduar and Rangiya stations have been substantially upgraded in FY 2019-20, in the State of Assam.

Goods trains of Railways

755. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of goods carried by Railways;
- (b) the total number of wagons used for carrying goods; and
- (c) whether Railways have any proposals to increase goods trains to carry goods to North East?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) During 2018-19, Railway revenue earning freight loading was 1221.48 million tonnes *vis-a-vis* 1159.55 million tonnes in 2017-18. In current financial year upto 31.12.2019, Indian Railway loaded 889.19 million tonnes of revenue earning freight traffic.

(b) 286882 and 294536 wagons were used for carrying goods during 2018-2019 and upto 31.12.2019 respectively.

(c) Demand/request for rakes is received in the Railway system in the form of indents which are generally placed by various public sector/Government agencies or private companies. The indent position varies on a day to day basis, since rakes are supplied against these indents. Placing of indents and their subsequent liquidation through actual supplies are continuous and dynamic in nature. The overall supply of rakes *vis-a-vis* indents is done, not on state-wise or region-wise basis, but on station-wise basis.