

(ii) The Chief Security Commissioners have been directed to co-ordinate with the Police authorities so that a concerted effort is made by both the authorities.

(iii) Armed pickets of RPF have been deployed at vulnerable stations/ sections to supplement the preventive measures taken by the Police.

Towns/Districts without rail link

2200. SHRI R. KAMARAJ:

SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many important towns and district headquarters in the country are not having rail link;

(b) if so, the names of such places, State-wise;

(c) the details of the proposals with Government to provide rail link for those places and the amount of funds earmarked for the same; and

(d) by when these proposals would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) Most of the important towns and district headquarters in the country have been provided with access to rail services. The expansion of the rail network is a continuous and need based exercise that is undertaken by taking an integrated view of the nation's requirement and keeping the overall resource availability in mind. While doing so, all representations/proposals received from the State Governments, public representatives, user agencies, and other public interest groups/ individuals are also kept in mind. At present about 8500 kms of new rail lines are sanctioned at a cost of approx. Rs. 27,650 crores.

Extension of Dangri-Saikhowa section of NF Railway

2201. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for extension of Dangri-Saikhowa section of NF Railway; and