GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3513 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2018

SAFETY FUND

3513. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has felt any difficulty to contribute to the rail safety fund namely Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh, as targeted;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of action that has been taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the details of safety projects undertaken by the Government since creation of the above 'Kosh'?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3513 BY SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2018 REGARDING SAFETY FUND

- (a) and (b): The 'Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh (RRSK)' has been introduced, as announced by Hon'ble Minister of Finance in his Budget Speech 2017-18, for works relating to renewal, replacement, upgradation of critical safety assets. The Fund has a corpus of ₹ 1 lakh crore over a period of five years, having an assured annual outlay of ₹ 20,000 crore with ₹ 15,000 crore as contribution from Gross Budgetary Support and ₹ 5,000 crore from internal resources of the Railways. In 2017-18, out of the outlay of ₹ 20,000 crore, expenditure of ₹ 16091 crore has been incurred out of RRSK. In the current year also a provision of ₹ 20,000 crore has been made in Budget Estimate and ₹ 3256 crore have been spent till end of June, 2018.
- (c): The fund under 'Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh (RRSK)' is being utilized to finance safety related works under plan-heads Track Renewals, Bridge Works, Signalling and Telecommunication Works, Road Safety Works of Level Crossings and Road Over/Under Bridges, Rolling Stock, Traffic Facilities, Electrical Works, Machinery and Plant, Workshops, Passenger Amenities and Training/HRD.
