GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2879 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2020

ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY ROUTES

2879. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)whether Railways has decided to electrify 24,400 kms of routes by 2020-21;

(b)whether in 2018-19, Railways earlier proposed to electrify 4,000 kms of routes but as per the revised target, Railways proposed to electrify 8,000 kms of routes;

(c)if so, the status of achieving the revised target, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh (AP) and whether target in AP has been achieved;

(d)whether Railways has decided to scrap all its diesel loco projects; and

(e)if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)Ministry of Railways has planned to electrify balance 28,810Route Kilometers (as on 01.04.2019) of Broad Gauge (BG) routes of Indian Railways (IR) by December, 2023.

(b)& (c)No, Sir. The target for electrification of 6,000 Route Kilometer (RKM) of BG network was set for 2018-19,against which electrification of 5,276RKM were achieved. Railway Electrification projects are not confined State/Union Territories (UT). However, 249 RKM have been electrified in various lines falling in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) & (e) No, Sir. Indian Railways have stopped manufacturing diesel locomotives for its own use at Diesel Locomotive Works (DLW), Varanasi and Diesel Loco Modernisation Works (DMW), Patiala. However, Diesel Locomotive Factory /Marhowra is manufacturing state of art emission compliant diesel locomotives which would in the long run serve the emergency and strategic needs of Indian Railways.