GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4582 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022

SURVEY OF NEW RAIL LINES IN HARYANA

†4582. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals for survey and construction of new rail lines in Haryana during the last five years;

- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether all the survey works have been approved;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government proposes to re-start operation of passenger trains that were discontinued as a Covid-19 control measure; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4582 BY SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.03.2022 REGARDING SURVEY OF NEW RAIL LINES IN HARYANA

(a) to (d) : Proposals/demands for new railway lines, both formal as well as informal, are received from State Governments, Ministries of Central Government, elected representatives, organizations/Rail users etc. by Railways at various levels i.e. Railway Board, Zonal Railways and Divisional Headquarters, etc. As receipt of such proposals/demands is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. Further, railway projects are not surveyed/sanctioned State wise as the projects may span across State boundaries.

However, during last five years i.e. 2016-17 onwards, 12 nos. new line surveys of total length 748 km falling fully/partly in Haryana have been sanctioned. During the same period, 12 nos. new line surveys of total length 1088 km falling fully/partly in Haryana have been completed.

As on 01.04.2021, 06 new line projects covering a length of 484 km at a cost of ₹ 8,625 crore falling fully/partly in Haryana are under different stages of planning/approval/execution out of which 85 km length of New line has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 933 crore has been incurred upto March'2021.

(e) & (f) To prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways had discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains w.e.f. 23rd March, 2020. Since November, 2021 Mail/Express trains are being operated with regular numbers, rationalized time table and with fares and categorization as applicable. Passenger train services are being operated/restored in a phased manner.

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