

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2575
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

SIKAR, NEEM KA THANA AND JHUNJHUNU

†2575 SHRI AMRA RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the raw materials like iron, cement and concrete is available in abundance in Sikar, Neem ka Thana and Jhunjhunu;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to set up railway sleeper, iron research institute and Railway track manufacturing factories therein;**
- (c) if so, the time and the details thereof;**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to extend the Guwahati-Delhi to Ajmer and the Sainik Express to Haridwar to facilitate common people; and**
- (f) if so, the time and details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Indian Railway's requirement of concrete sleepers is met mainly from various Concrete Sleeper Plants(CSPs) set up by industry at location suitable for them.

Similarly, Indian Railway's requirement of Rail is met mainly from Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).

Further, RDSO is the R&D organization of Indian Railways which act as the technical advisor to Indian Railways and performs the functions of development of new designs and technology, development of standards for materials and products needed by Indian Railways, technical investigation, statutory clearances, inspection of critical items etc. Presently, it is functioning well.

(e) & (f): Presently, Ajmer is connected to Guwahati by 01 pair of regular service. Further, Jaipur is also well connected to Ajmer. In addition, Jaipur is connected to Guwahati by 02 pairs of regular service and 01 pair of Special train service while it is connected to Haridwar by 03 pairs of train services. Besides, extension of train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, and availability of resources etc.
