GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2893 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.05.2016

CAPACITY EXPANSION PLAN FOR PROJECTS

2893. SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways proposes any capacity expansion plan for the next four years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said plan will address indirect multiplier effects through strong backward, forward linkages, lower logistics costs and higher productivity;
- (d) if so, the details and the features thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the said expansion plan is likely to be finalised?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b) In the budget of 2015-16, a 5 year investment plan of ₹8,56,020 Crore was indicated comprising ₹1,99,320 Crore for Network

decongestion, ₹1,93,000 Crore for Network expansion, ₹39,000 Crore for National Projects, ₹1,27,000 Crore for Safety, ₹5,000/- Crore for Information Technology / Research, ₹1,02,000/- for Rolling Stock, ₹12,500/- Crore for Passenger Amenities, ₹65,000/- Crore for High Speed Rail & Elevated corridor, ₹1,00,000/- Crore for Station redevelopment and logistic parks and ₹13,200/- Crore for Others.

- (c) & (d) Yes, Madam. Investment in rail infrastructure is known to have multiplier effects on different economic activities.
- (e) Execution of the expansion plan is a continuous process. No time frame can be fixed as realisation of the 5-year expansion plan is dependent on availability of fund and other factors such as land availability, forest clearance etc.
