## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3547 ANSWERED ON:15.12.2014 NUMBER OF RAILWAY LINES Suman Shri Balka

## Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of railway lines in the State of Telangana along with the details of sanctioned new rail line projects pending for several years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to introduce certain trains to inter-connect the important cities of Telangana and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways for early execution of pending sanctioned rail projects of Telangana?

## **Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(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. 3547 BY SHRI SUMAN BALKA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.12.2014 REGARDING NUMBER OF RAILWAY LINES.

- (a): The total length of railway line (route kilometres) in the State of Telangana as on 31.03.2014 (latest available) is 1,753 kilometres. Ten new rail line, three doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Telangana have been sanctioned.
- (b): Indian Railway do not run trains on State-wise basis as railway network and their operations run across State boundaries. However, to cater to the needs of passengers of various stations located in the State of Telangana the following services have been announced/introduced in the Railway Budget 2014-15.
- 1. Gutur-Kacheguda Double-Decker Express (Bi-weekly) introduced w.e.f. 13.05.14
- 2. Kacheguda -Triupati Double Decker Express (Bi-weekly) introduced w.e.f. 14.05.14
- 3. Nagercoil-Kacheguda Express (Weekly) introduced w.e.f. 20.05.14
- 4. Hyderabad-Gulbarga Intercity Express (Daily)
- 5. Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam AC Express (Weekly)
- 6. Secunderabad Hazrat Nizamuddin AC Premium Express
- 7 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Kazipeth Express (Weekly)

Besides, increase in frequency of 17319/17320 Hubli-Secunderabad Express from 3 days to 7 days in a week has also been announced in Railway Budget 2014-15.

(c): Railway has a huge throwforward of ongoing projects and limited overall availability of funds. As such, it is not possible to allocate adequate funds to all projects on regular basis which is pre-requisite for fixing time frame for completion of the projects. Various measures to expedite completion of projects have already been enumerated in the Railway Budget Speech 2014-15. These inter-alia include mobilization of additional resources by leveraging Railway PSU resources, private investment in Rail Infrastructure through Public Private Partnership (PPP), Near Plan Holiday, prioritization of projects, participation of State Governments etc.