GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3917 ANSWERED ON:23.12.2015 Construction of New Railway Line Hikaka Shri Jhina

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any budgetary provision for construction of new railway line from Therawali to Gunupur and Gopalpur in Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the same is likely to be disbursed;
- (c) whether there is any proposal for introduction of second passenger train between Koraput and Bhubaneswar and from Koraput to Delhi; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. Surveys for new lines from Therubali to Gunupur(79 Km) and from Rayagada(Gumada) to Gopalpur (223 Km) were completed. As per the surveys, costs have been assessed as `435 crore and `1649 crore respectively. However, owing to huge throwforward of ongoing projects, limited availability of fund for new lines and competing priorities, these projects could not be sanctioned. Hence, the question of providing budgetary provision for these projects does not arise.
- (c)&(d): At present there is no proposal to introduce train services from Koraput to Bhubaneswar and Koraput to Delhi.