

or through DGS&D rate contract except for a few items relating to passenger amenities, staff amenities to avoid public and Trade Union complaints and items required for maintaining desired standard in the office having public interface.

(c) In Mumbai VT Division (Central Railway), items like soap liquid (Hand cleaning agent) used in AC coaches, Soap toilet for the staff and only few furniture items which are not covered as per the prescribed description in the above said list, are being procured from Non-SSI units. Details are as under:—

Sl. No.	Item	Purchase from SSI		Purchase from Non-SSI	
		Unit 2011-12		Unit 2011-12	
		Value in lakhs of Rs.	%	Value in lakhs of Rs.	%
1.	Soap	24.32	68.32	11.63	32.68
2.	Furniture	116.20	94.33	8.21	6.67

Report of Kakodkar Committee

280. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted a High Level Committee headed by Dr. Anil Kakodkar;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report to Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/being taken by Government on the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) A High Level Safety Review Committee was constituted by Ministry of Railways on 16.09.2011 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Anil Kakodkar, former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission to go into all technical and technology related aspects in connection with safe running of train services in the country. The Committee has submitted its Report to Ministry of Railways on 17.02.2012.

(c) This Committee has made 106 recommendations in their Report covering the following aspects: General Safety Matters, Organizational structure, Empowerment at Working Level, Safety Related Works and Issues, Vacancies in Critical Safety Categories and Manpower Planning issues, Shortage of Critical Safety Spares, External Interference — Encroachment and Sabotage, Signalling, Telecommunication and Train Protection, Rolling Stock, Track, Bridges, Level Crossings, Human Resource Development with Emphasis on Education and Training, Training Institutes on IR, Research Eco-System on Indian Railways and Safety Architecture on IR.

(d) The recommendations of the committee are presently under examination in the Ministry of Railways.

New Railway Projects

281. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new projects declared in the last two Budgets; and
- (b) the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) 18 New Line, 4 Gauge Conversion and 58 Doubling projects have been included in Railway Budgets 2011-12 and 2012-13.

- (b) Being new projects, preliminary activities taken up.

Proposal of running DMU services

282. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has any proposal of running DMU services on Pune-Jejuri-Nira section of the Pune Division to facilitate easy movement of commuters and agricultural produce;
- (b) if so, the progress made in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Pune-Jejuri-Nira section is presently being served by 2 pairs of passenger trains which are stopping at all stations. Besides,