However, the impact of recent hike in rates of High Speed Diesel (HSD) effective from January, 2013 is likely to be around Rs. 3,300 crores annually.

[22 March, 2013]

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Indian Railways have made efforts for introduction of biodiesel and natural gas during the last five years. One hundred Diesel Power Cars (DPCs) of Diesel Electric Multiple Units (DEMU) have been sanctioned for dual-fuel conversion out of which contracts for conversion of fifty DPCs have already been awarded to enable them work on a mix of natural gas and diesel. Works for setting up of four bio-diesel plants with a capacity of 30 tonnes per day each have also been sanctioned. Contracts for first two plants, one each at Raipur and Tondiarpet (Chennai) have been awarded. Research, Development and Standards Organisation (RDSO) has also developed a specification for manufacture of locomotive based on hydrogen fuel cell. This apart, Railways are also harnessing wind and solar energy, wherever possible, for non-traction purposes.

Targets for new lines, gauge conversion etc.

2910. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new lines, doubling, gauge conversion and electrification targets fixed for the year 2012-13;
 - (b) the details of targets achieved, till date;
 - (c) whether Government is satisfied with the targets achieved so far; and
 - (d) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Details of targets fixed and achieved (in Km) in respect of New Lines, Gauge Conversion, Doubling and Railway Electrification during 2012-13 are as follows:

Plan Head	Target fixed	Achievement*	
	(in Km)	(in Km)	
New Line	470	224.3	
Gauge Conversion	575	328.43	
Doubling	7 05	389.15	
Railway Electrification	1200	937	

^{*}Up to February, 2013.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Considering the huge throw forward of ongoing projects and limited availability of resources, the targets achieved so far are considered satisfactory.

New trains announced in Railway budgets

2911. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new trains announced by Railway Minister in his/her budget speeches in the last five years, year-wise;
 - (b) the number of these trains actually running/started, year-wise;
 - (c) the reasons that all the trains announced could not be started; and
 - (d) the efforts made/being made to start the announced trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Detailed status of new trains announced in Railway Budget in the last five years, year-wise are as under:

Sl. No.	Year	New trains	introduced	Pending Introduction
1	2007-08	40	40	0
2	2008-09	63	63	0
3	2009-10	71	71	0
4	2010-11	112	105	7
5	2011-12	131	128	3

(c) and (d) Some trains announced in the last two Railway Budgets are pending introductions due to various constraints like non-completion of gauge conversion works, non-receipt of necessary clearance from the Commissioner of Railway Safety (in case of newly opened and gauge converted sections), etc. These trains will be introduced as soon as the constraints are overcome.

Dedicated freight corridors

2912. SHRI BALVINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: