

**Constitution of new railway zone in Andhra Pradesh**

\*131. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 (Schedule XIII), Government has to constitute a new Railway Zone in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per Item No. 8 of Schedule 13 (Infrastructure) of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, the direction for Ministry of Railways is to examine establishing a new railway zone in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) To, *inter alia*, examine the feasibility of establishing a new Railway Zone, a Committee of senior Railway officers had been constituted. The Committee was asked to consult various stake holders, including the Members of Parliament, State Governments, etc. before a final decision is taken. The Committee has submitted its report. In view of the complexities involved in the exercise, the matter is under further detailed examination in the Ministry of Railways.

**Prevalence of fake fertilizers**

\*132. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of fake/duplicate fertilizers that has been seized in the last ten years;

(b) the number of farmers that have been affected by such fertilizers;

(c) the number of complaints that have been lodged against fertilizer companies for supplying fake fertilizers;

(d) the action taken against them; and

(e) whether any cases of farmer's suicide have been registered due to use of fake fertilizers, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) to (d) Sir, Fertilizers have been declared as essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act, (ECA) 1955. In order to