

(in lakhs of Rs.)

S. No.	Name of Survey/Project	Year of sanction	Amount allotted		Utilised during		Present status	Target for completion of survey and submission of report by the Railway	
			Outlay		Actual Expenditure				
			1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98		
7.	Survey for new line from Jogighopa-Silchar	1997-98	Nil	Nil	5.00	Nil	Nil	Survey sanctioned and is in progress	Survey report expected by March, 2000.
8.	Survey for new line from Sarthabari-Changasari	1998-99	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Survey yet to be taken up	Not yet to be fixed.

NB: Actual expenditure during 1998-99 will be known after close of the financial year 1998-99.

(b) Yes, Sir, except for ROB at Amingaon.

(c) The details of project.

S.No.	Name of the project	Remarks
1.	Conversion of Makum-Dangori section	The work is already sanctioned and will be progressed and completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.
2.	Survey for Rangiya-Murkong Seleik	Survey of gauge conversion of Rangiya-Bhalukpong completed. Report and estimate are under finalisation and report expected by January, 1999. For Balipara Murkong Seleik, Rangpara North Tezpur survey is in progress and report is expected to be

- submitted by the Railway by Dec., 1999.
3. ROB at Bongaigaon The work included in Budget 1995-96. The general arrangement and drawing and detailed estimate yet to be finalised by the Govt. of Assam. The same is under correspondence with State Government.
4. ROB at Amingaon There is no such proposal for providing ROB at Amingaon.

Development of Nagercoil Railway Station
2301. SHRI M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for developing Nagercoil Railway Station as a major railway station;

(b) whether Government have received any representation in this regard; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Works for provision of VIP Lounge, ladies and gents waiting rooms lighting in circulating area have already been taken up. Passenger Reservation System has been commissioned recently. Proposal for Augmentation of terminal facilities at Nagarcoil has been prepared and the same shall be considered for sanction subject to availability of funds and other relative priorities.

Suggestion to Avert Rail Mishaps

2302. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the *Hindustan Times* dated 7th September, 1998 under the caption, "suggestions to avert rail mishaps ignored";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to the observations made therein and the facts of the matter;

(c) the details of action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(d) the details of measures taken to implement suggestions of RDSO and present status of the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

These suggestions have already been implemented on Indian Railways. Each suggestion to avert rail mishaps was discussed thereadbare with Shri G.P. Singh Ahluwalia on 7.12.1998. The status of the action taken of these suggestions is given here under:

I. As far as communication is concerned, walkie-talkiesets have been provided to drivers and guards of selected trains to ensure faster communication between them.

II. Flasher lights have already been provided on all diesel and electric locomotives on Indian Railways which is to be activated in case of any abnormality to pre-warn the drivers of the train approaching from other direction.

III. The kerosene/battery operated tail lamps were provided on the last vehicle of the train to ensure complete arrival of train during night. Unless presence of this lamp is ensured, next train cannot be admitted in block section. However, these kerosene/battery operated tail lamps are now being progressively replaced by LED based flashing tail lamps having better visibility.

IV. In addition to above, all guards and drivers have been provided with hand signal lamps and fog signals which can be used to combat emergencies.

V. The above points were informed and clarified to Shri G.P. Singh Ahluwalia. A letter to this effect has also been sent.

(d) RDSO, has standardized the specifications for train Actuated Warning Device. The equipment developed by 2-3 companies including Bharat Electronics are still under trial. A pilfer, proof, fail-safe, reliable model is yet to be successfully developed.

Accidents at unattended level crossings are occurring due to negligence of road users. To contain this type of accidents, railways are taking following safety measures: