

विवरण

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में कोई मीटर लाइन बड़ी लाइन में परिवर्तित नहीं की गई है। हालांकि परसिया-छिंदवाड़ा छोटी लाइन को 28 करोड़ रु. की लागत से बड़ी लाइन में

परिवर्तित किया गया है और 1996-97 में इसे यातायात के लिए खोल दिया गया है।

उपर्युक्त के अलावा, मध्य प्रदेश में निम्नलिखित मीटर/छोटी लाइनों में परिवर्तन का कार्य चल रहा है।

(करोड़ रु. में)

	परियोजना का नाम	लागत	वर्तमान प्रगति
i.	जबलपुर-गोंदिया	386 रु.	इस कार्य के लिए आवश्यक स्वीकृति ले ली गई है। बड़ी लाइन के लिए उपयुक्त परिवर्तन के निर्धारण के लिए अंतिम स्थान निर्धारण सर्वेक्षण कार्य शुरू किया जा चुका है। उन मार्गों पर कार्य शुरू किया जा रहा है जहां संरक्षण नहीं बदलेगा।
ii.	नीमच-रतलाम	117 रु.	13 पुलों पर उप-संरचना के सुदृढीकरण के कार्य पूरा हो चुका है। परियोजना पर कार्य इस तरह से शुरू किया जा रहा है कि मीटर लाइन श्रृंखला में कोई बाधा न आए जब तक कि रतलाम-खंडवा-पूर्णा खंड भावी वर्षों में पूरा न हो जाए। इस खंड को 5 वर्ष के भीतर पूरा करने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है।
iii.	नौनेरा-भिंड	23.14 रु.	यह कार्य गुना और इटावा के बीच में नई बड़ी लाइन का भाग है। इस समय भूमि अधिग्रहण का कार्य प्रगति पर है तथा पुलों के लिए निविदाएं मांगी गई हैं। इस खंड को जून 1999 तक पूरा करने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है।

Doubling of Kollam-Trivandrum rail line

2117. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the doubling of the Kollam-Trivandrum line is progressing at a slow pace due to paucity of funds; and

(b) if so, the details of the progress so far made and the funds proposed to be allocated therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME-IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) This work is now progressing well. 7 Km. Trivandrum-Kochuvelli has been completed. 7 Kms. Kochuvelli-Kazakuttam will be ready by Dec. 1998. Additional 20 Kms. covering Kazakuttam-Murulckampuzha (8 Kms.) and Quilon-Mayyanand-Parvur (12 Kms.) will be completed by March 1999. The doublig of the

entire section is expected to be completed by Dec. 2000. An amount of Rs. 40.80 crs. have been allocated for this work in the budget 1998-99 to speed up the progress.

B.G. line from Lumding railway junction to Silchar

2118. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had started construction of railway broad gauge line connecting Lumding railway junction to Silchar as recommended and sanctioned by earlier Government;

(b) if so, the budgetary provision of the same and total amount so far involved in works; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Outlay during 1998-99 is Rs. 40 crs. and an amount of Rs. 2.05 crores has since been spent on the project.

(c) Does not arise.

Shifting of Western Railway Headquarters from Mumbai to Ahmedabad

2119. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to shift the headquarters of Western Railway from Mumbai to Ahmedabad; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Gauge conversion of Railway lines in Saurashtra and Kachch region

2120. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been inordinate de-lays in the conversion of Veraval-Rajkot meter gauge line in Saurashtra region and Bhuj-Gandhidham meter gauge line in Kachch region;

(b) whether they are proposed to be taken up during the Ninth Five Year Plan or in the current year's Railway budget;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any corrective measures have been taken by Government in that direction; and

(e) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (e) The works of gauge conversion of Rajkot-Veraval and Gandhidham-Bhuj are in progress.

There has been some delay due to constraint of resources. However, both the projects are

planned to be completed within the 9th Five Year Plan, subject to availability of resources.

Introduction of Super Fast Express Trains

2121. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Super Fast Express trains introduced in 1997-98 in the country, giving names of Railway zones that they traverse;

(b) the rationale and logic of introducing Super Fast Express trains only in some zones;

(c) whether the demands of South-Central Railways and Andhra Pradesh have not been fairly and adequately considered in 1997-98;

(d) by when the Railways propose to meet the requirements of passengers in 1998-99 in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY. PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Two pairs of Super Fast trains have been introduced during 1997-98; 291 S/2916 Delhi- Ahmadabad Ashram Express serving Northern Railway & Western Railway and 2677/2678 Coimbatore-Bangalore Express over Southern Railway.

(b) Trains having average speed of 55 kmph or more on BG and 45 kmph or more on MG are classified as Super Fast trains irrespective of Zones.

(c) and (d) Railways do not introduce train State-wise. However, 7 pairs of Express trains including a bi-weekly Nizamuddin-Secunderabad Swarna Jayanti Rajdhani Ex-press serving South-Central Railway have been introduced during 1997-98.

Introduction of a Fast Train Connecting Calcutta with Towns in North Bengal

2122. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to introduce a fast train connecting Calcutta with the Towns in North Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMEN-