

(d) It is planned to provide a halt at Maula Ali station for all trains to Secunderabad-Hyderabad coming from Kazipet direction, to reduce congestion at Secunderabad station, both inside and outside, apart from the proposed additional entry at Bhoiguda side of Secunderabad station.

Expansion of Rail Network in SE Railway

8079. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion of rail network in the jurisdiction of South Eastern Railway during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard, so far; and

(c) the details of new lines taken up and the progress of the ongoing projects under South Eastern Railway?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) The following lines have been taken up in S.E. Railway in the 8th Plan period:—

S.No.	Name of the Projects	Length (Kms.)
1.	Daitari-Banspani	147
2.	Lanjigarh-Junagarh	54
3.	Khurda Road-Bolangir	289

The works to be taken up in the next year of the plan viz. 96-97 have not yet been identified.

The details of new railway line,

gauge conversion and doubling projects presently in progress in S. E. Railway are as under:—

S.No.	Name of the Project	Target date of Completion	Percentage progress upto March '95
New Lines			
1.	Koraput-Rayagada	95-96	99
2.	Talchar-Sambalpur	96-97	54
3.	Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh	IX Plan	1
4.	Daitari-Banspani	98-99	4
5.	Khurda Road-Bolangir	IX Plan	31
6.	Howrah-Amta	IX Plan	4
7.	Tamluk-Digha	IX Plan	23
Gauge Conversion			
1.	Purulia-Kotshila Ph.-II	95-96	22
2.	Gondia-Chandafort	96-97	11

S.No.	Name of the Project	Target date of Completion	Percentage progress upto March'95
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Doubling

1.	Joranda Road-Hindol Road	95-96	80
2.	Talchar-Hindol Road	95-96	40
3.	Ambodala-Bissamcuttack and Therubali-Gumada .	95-96	99
4.	Rajataragarh-Nergundi	97-98	0.2
5.	Gumada-Bobbili	95-96	96
6.	Bobbili-Gajapatinagaram	95-96	71
7.	Gajapatinagaram-Vijayanagaram patch doubling	95-96	11
8.	Bilaspur-Akaltara 3rd line	95-96	75
9.	Akaltara-Champa 3rd line with OHE	96-97	0.2

Railway Electrification

10.	Chandil-Muri-Barkakana	March, 97	..
11.	Bokaro Steel City-Muri-Hatia Bondamunda-Bimlagarh-Barsuan including Puria Kotsila	March, 98	2%
12.	Adra-Midnapur	March, 99	..
13.	Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar (including Talchar-Paradip) (Under BOLT SCHEME)	March, 99	..

Introduction of Shatabdi trains

8080. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether plans have been formulated to introduce Shatabdi Express trains in different sectors and zones during the next one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that various Shatabdi Express trains do not carry first-aid boxes with them, resulting into various problems for commuters/passengers while on board;

(d) whether the services on trains are also being reduced while cost of travel is on the increase; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) During 1995-96, it is proposed to introduce a pair of Shatabdi Expresses each on Howrah-Bokaro, Howrah-Raurkela, Madras-Coimbatore and Hubli-Bangalore City sectors.

(c) The guard of every Shatabdi Express train carries First aid box with him like other passenger trains.