

(b) the target for survey report of the said works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) A survey for gauge conversion of Bilimora-Waghai with extension upto Manmad has been taken up and is likely to be completed in the year 2010-11. Further, from Manmad to Daund, a broad gauge line already exists.

Gauge conversion of Chhindwara-Nagpur rail line

†3797. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 856 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10 July, 2009 and state:

(a) whether granting approval to detailed estimate and granting approval to the amount is one and same thing, or two distinct processes;

(b) if both are distinct processes, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not fixing target for completion of Chhindwara-Nagpur gauge conversion project in tribal areas; and

(d) whether Government would consider finishing this project early since this project is related to development of tribal areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Detailed estimate is sanctioned for a particular amount.

(c) and (d) The completion of project would depend upon availability of resources and other factors. In absence of assured funding, target could not be fixed.

Upgradation of stations in South Central Railway

3798. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is need for a face lift of many railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise especially in South Central Railway;

(c) the amount spent on each zone during the last three years compared to South Central Railway; and

(d) the future programmes identified therefor for South Central Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) Improvement to stations including face-lifting is an on-going activity and works in this regard are undertaken as and when required through Annual Works Programme. Zone-wise details in this regard, including South Central Railway, are as under :