

(b) to (d) The funds to various projects are allocated keeping in view the progress of project, operational priority, availability of resource, regional development etc.

Gauge conversion of Gonda-Anand Nagar rail line

†1617. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the time by when the proposed project of gauge conversion on the narrow gauge stretch between Gonda and Anand Nagar under North-Eastern Railway would commence alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): Gauge conversion of Gonda-Anandnagar section (178.89 km) has already been taken up as a part of Gonda-Gorakhpur, Anandnagar-Nautanwa gauge conversion project. On this section, earthwork, blanketing, bridgework, ballast, etc. have been taken up and are in different stages of progress. The conversion of this section is likely to be completed in next 3-4 years as per availability of resources.

By-pass roads and railway overbridges along national highways

1618. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of locations along the national highways where by-pass roads and railway overbridges are proposed to be constructed or are under construction in Maharashtra State; and

(b) the time by when the proposed constructions are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Detail is as under:

By-Pass Roads are exclusively undertaken by National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) who have advised that following by-passes are proposed in Maharashtra:

Project Stretch	NHNo.	Location of bypass	Likely date of completion	Remark
MP/MH	3	172.250-173.400	June 2012	Palasner Bypass
Border-Dhule	3	197.900-199.200	June 2012	Dahiwad Bypass
	3	226.300-229.500	June 2012	Nardana Bypass
	3	252.400-253.300	June 2012	Ngaon bypass
Pune-Solapur	9	132.200-137.200	May 2012	Indapur Bypass

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.