

(c) The area of land owned by the Railways in Barpeta Road is 44.895 Hectare, out of which 0.056 Hectare is under encroachments. The area of land owned by the Railways in Sarbhog is 56.530 Hectare, out of which 0.084 Hectare is under encroachments.

(d) Railways are engaged in continuous exercise to remove the encroachments.

Survey of New line from Jogighopa to Guwahati

1615. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal of new railway line from Jogighopa to Guwahati via Barpeta, Hajo, Sualkuchi was promised during the last interim railway budget;

(b) if so, the details of proposal and the status of the project;

(c) whether the survey of the said project would be completed during current year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Criteria for allocation of funds to State for Railway Projects

1616. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the detail of total number of railway lines and total kilometres in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any criteria and condition to allocate fund to various States and railway projects;

(c) whether there is any special condition for States which have less railway line, less development and has the potential for investment and direct investment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The total length (route kilometres) in the country as on 31.3.2008 is 63273 kilometres. The State-wise and Gauge-wise details of railway lines are given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Route kilometres
1	2	3
(i) State-wise:		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5170
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3.	Assam	2284
4.	Bihar	3407

1	2	3
5.	Chhattisgarh	1186
6.	Delhi	182
7.	Goa	69
8.	Gujarat	5328
9.	Haryana	1467
10.	Himachal Pradesh	285
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	163
12.	Jharkhand	1965
13.	Karnataka	3005
14.	Kerala	1050
15.	Madhya Pradesh	4884
16.	Maharashtra	5536
17.	Manipur	1
18.	Meghalaya	0
19.	Mizoram	2
20.	Nagaland	13
21.	Orissa	2387
22.	Punjab	2133
23.	Rajasthan	5683
24.	Sikkim	0
25.	Tamil Nadu	4131
26.	Tripura	64
27.	Uttar Pradesh	8554
28.	Uttaranchal	345
29.	West Bengal	3951

Union Territory

1.	Chandigarh	16
2.	Pondicherry	11
	All India	63273

NOTE:- The remaining States/Union Territories have no railway line.

(ii) Gauge-wise

Broad Gauge	:	51,082 Kilometres
Metre Gauge	:	9,442 Kilometres
Narrow Gauge	:	2,749 Kilometres
TOTAL :	:	63,273 Kilometres

(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.