

(d) The Infrastructure Builders' Meet was held in 2008 to have interaction with the Construction Industry, to make them aware of Railway Plans and to get their suggestions on Contract Management issue. The suggestions made were considered and appropriate action initiated.

New rail line proposals of Maharashtra and Rajasthan

2391. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new rail line proposals of Maharashtra and Rajasthan have been included in the Rail Budget 2009-10 for conducting survey work; and

(b) what is the time frame fixed up by the Railway Ministry for the survey of above new rail lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Five surveys for construction of new line in Rajasthan and three surveys for construction of new line in Maharashtra have been included in the Budget 2009-10. These surveys are planned to be completed in about two years time.

Delayed railway projects in Maharashtra

2392. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has been asking for expeditious completion of various railway projects like widening of existing railway lines and doubling the existing railway lines etc. in the State;

(b) the names of all pending projects and whether it is also a fact that the projects namely Baramati-Lonand, Amaravati- Narkhed and Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli in particular, have been delayed inordinately; and

(c) the reasons for delay in responding to these demands of the Government of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Names of ongoing projects falling fully/partly in Maharashtra is as under:—

| Sl.No. | Name of the ongoing project |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 |
| New Line | |
| 1. | Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vajjnath |
| 2. | Amravati-Narkher |

| 1 | 2 |
|-----|--|
| 3. | Baramati-Lonad |
| 4. | Wardha-Nanded |
| | Gauge conversion |
| 1. | Jabalpur-Gondia including Balaghat Katangi |
| 2.. | Miraj-Latur |
| 3. | Chhindwara-Nagpur |
| | Doubling |
| 1. | Panvel-Pen |
| 2. | Pen-Roha |
| | Mumbai Urban Transport Project |
| 1. | Mumbai Urban Transport Project |
| 2. | Mumbai Urban Transport Project (Phase-II)-Rail component |

Works are progressing as per availability of resources. Only Miraj-Pandharpur of Miraj-Latur gauge conversion project is running behind schedule which was targeted for conversion by March, 2009. There has been delay in, land acquisition by State Government and failure of contractors. This section is now targeted for 2009-10.

(c) Works are progressing as availability of resources.

Gauge conversion in Rajasthan under NRVY

†2393. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any new proposals for gauge conversion in Rajasthan under National Rail Vikas Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when they would be implemented;

(c) whether Jaipur-Phulera-Ringus-Rewari section which is very sensitive and important, is being included in the said scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(c) and (d) Gauge conversion of Ringus — Rewari and Jaipur — Phulera has been completed.

Cleanliness and maintenance of coaches

†2394. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.