

(b) An updating survey for doubling of Meerut-Saharanpur was completed in 2005-06. The doubling of the section is not considered justified from traffic considerations.

Survey of new rail lines in Kerala

2600. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are surveys on new railway lines in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details including the survey initiated, completed, to be completed and to be initiated, category-wise;
- (c) the decision taken, if any, based on the completion of survey, category-wise;
- (d) whether there is any delay on the above process; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Details of new line surveys completed during the last 03 years and ongoing new line surveys falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala alongwith decision taken thereon are as under:-

| S.No. | New line Survey | Status | Decision taken |
|-------|--|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Thalassery-Mysore (298 Km) | Completed | Proposal not taken up. |
| 2. | Nilambur Road-Nanjangud Town (238 Km) | Completed | Report under examination |
| 3. | Sabarimala-Chengannur (64 Km) | Completed | Proposal not taken up. |
| 4. | Angadippuram-Kozhikode (77 Km) | Completed | Report under examination |
| 5. | Kanjangad-Panathur (41 Km) | Completed | Report under examination |
| 6. | Madurai (Bodinayakkanur) - Kottayam (211 Km) | Surveys taken up. | |
| 7. | Madurai-Ernakulam (Cochin) (200 Km) | | |
| 8. | Erumeli-Pathanamthitta-Punalur-Thiruvananthapuram (136 Km) | | |
| 9. | Idappalli-Guruvayur (77 Km) | | |

The ongoing surveys are expected to be completed in a time period of about 02 years.

Gauge conversion in Gujarat

2601. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: