

	Funds Transferred	Expenditure
2007-08	Rs. 81 crore	Rs. 07.45 crore
2008-09	Rs. 220 crore	Rs. 82.65 crore
2009-10 (till date)	Rs. 50 crore	Rs. 37.56 crore

(d) Final Location Survey of the entire Western Corridor and from Ludhiana to Sonnagar on Eastern Corridor have been completed. The details of contracts awarded are given in reply to (b) above.

(e) The project is targeted to be completed by 2016-2017 subject to land acquisition and availability of funds.

Time and cost overrun in certain railway projects

259. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been significant time and cost overrun in certain Railway projects;

(b) if so, the details of time and cost overrun of such projects;

(c) the major causes of delay and cost overrun;

(d) whether it is also a fact that land acquisition in various States has been a major cause of delay and cost overrun;

(e) if so, the details of such States; and

(f) the manner in which Government proposes to minimize the cost of overrun in these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Rail link and gauge conversion in Chhattisgarh

260. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in Rao Ghat rail link and Raipur-Dhamtary gauge conversion in Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether the State Government and other agencies are yet to meet some requirements; and

(c) if so, the details of the items that have to be obtained alongwith the efforts being made to obtain the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The new line from Dallirajahara to Rowghat has already been taken up as a part of Dailirajahara - Jagdalpur project. 306.43 hect of land against requirement of 696.31 hectare for this portion has been acquired. The contract for 42 km length has been awarded. The work has been entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Railways, for execution on a fast track.

A survey for gauge conversion of Raipur-Dhamtari narrow gauge line to broad gauge alongwith new line providing connectivity to Naya Raipur area has recently been taken up.

(b) and (c) All the necessary documents for land acquisition for Dallirajahara -Rowghat new line have already been submitted to the State Government and the matter is regularly being pursued with them for early action.

Installation of anti-collision device in railways

261. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Anti-Collision Device (ACD), developed by Konkan Railways, and commissioned on the North-East Frontier Railways (NEFR) has resulted in elimination of collision incidents and the broad objective of installation of this device has been achieved;

(b) the percentage decline in such incidents during January-October 2009 as compared to similar period in 2008; and

(c) whether the ACDs would be installed in other Railways operating in similar terrain and conditions as NEFR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Anti-Collision Device (ACD), as a pilot project, on North-East Frontier Railway (NEFR) is operational since July 2006.

The efficacy of ACD in real life could not be established because no collision like situation has occurred on NEFR since then.

(c) Installation of ACD has been sanctioned for three other railways viz. Southern, South Central and South Western Railway.

Shortage of bogies

†262. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi