

5. Winners of President's Police Medal For Gallantry and Police Medal for Gallantry (Police Personnels).
6. Non-official Members of Railway Hindi Salahkar Samiti.
7. One office bearer each of the four organization namely Kendriya Sachivalaya Hindi Parishad, Nagrik Pracharini Sabha Varanasi, Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, Wardha and Akhil Bharatiya Hindi Sansthan engaged in propagation of Hindi.
8. Ex-Minister of Railways/Minister of State for Railways/Deputy Minister for Railways.
9. Bharat Ratna Awardees
10. Complimentary card passes under discretionary powers of Minister of Railways.

In addition to the above, passes are also issued to railway employees under Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986.

Survey of new rail line from Jogighopa to Guwahati

4762. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the Budget provision for Survey of new railway line between Jogighopa- Guwahati Kamakhya *via* Barpeta-Daulasal, Hajo;

(b) whether any action has been taken regarding the survey of the said new rail line and to provide atleast one long distance train stoppage in the sub-divisional headquarters at Bijni and Pathasala of Assam;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) A survey for new line from Jogighopa to Guwahati *via* Barpeta-Sarthebari-Hajo-Sualkuchi (120 km) has been taken up at a cost of Rs. 36 lakhs. The survey is targeted for completion by March, 2011.

Stoppage of 4055/4056 Dibrugarh Town-Delhi Brahmaputra Mail at Bijni and that of 5959/5960 Dibrugarh Town-Howrah Kamrup Express at Pathasala have been provided with effect from 23.03.2010.

High speed trains in India

†4763. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating a plan to introduce high speed trains in the country on the lines of trains in Britain;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (c) whether any steps have so far been taken to introduce such trains;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government is considering to prescribe a time schedule for the introduction of high speed trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) Railways have decided to undertake prefeasibility study of six corridors, out of which study for Pune-Mumbai-Ahmadabad corridor is in progress. However, any comments regarding technology to be adopted and time schedule for the introduction of High Speed Corridors is not possible at this stage.

Rejuvenation of Mannargudi railway station

4764. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that rejuvenation of the forbidden railway station in Mannargudi, Tamil Nadu and connecting it with Needamangalam and other nearby stations were previously announced by the Government and the same has not been realized and still remains on paper;
- (b) if so, whether Government will take action for rejuvenation of this forbidden railway station in Mannargudi;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) Restoration of Needamanglam-Mannargudi (13.25 km) line has been taken up. This work also includes construction of new station building at Mannargudi. Total anticipated cost of construction of this new line is Rs 78.44 crore.

- (d) Does not arise.

Double stack container facility at Kandla-Bhildi-Jodhpur-Bhatinda section

4765. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to run double stack container facility on Kandla-Bhildi-Jodhpur-Bhatinda section;
- (b) whether there is any plan prepared by Railways for providing such double stack facility in any other part of the country;
- (c) whether it is technically possible to provide such double stack container arrangement on this route;
- (d) whether CONCOR is running a special container train anywhere in the country connecting ports;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;