

Rail projects in Orissa

2406. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Railways would sanction Rupsa Barhamara to Chakulia (35 km), Nuapada Gunapur B.G. rail line to Theruvali, Bansapani, Bolangir rail link, Manapur Jajpur Keonjhar rail link and Jajpur Keonjhar Road to Dhamara port *via* Jajpur and Arade new railway lines in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): The position of mentioned proposals is as under:—

- (i) Buramara-Chakulia (50 kms.) new line including upgrading of the rail line from Rupsa to Buramara (75 kms.) has already been sanctioned.
- (ii) Updating Survey for Gunupur-Theruvali has been taken up.
- (iii) Bansapani-Daitari (Tomka) new line has already been completed.
- (iv) Khurda Road-Bolangir New Rail line is a sanctioned project.
- (v) Manapur (Sukinda) is on the alignment of Jajpur Keonjhar Road-Sukinda Road sanctioned project.
- (vi) There is no such proposal at present for New line from Jajpur-Keonjhar Road to Dhamara port *via* Jajpur and Aradi.

Second railway terminal station at Salt Quarters, Chennai

2407. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has plan to construct a second Railway Terminal Station at Salt Quarters, Chennai;
- (b) if so, the details of fund allocation; and
- (c) whether this project has been sent to Railway Board for approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir. There is no station by the name of Salt Quarters. It is Salt Cotaurs.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Frequency of Uttar Pradesh Sampark Kranti

†2408. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an announcement to operate Uttar Pradesh Sampark Kranti Express train between Hazrat Nizamuddin and Manikpur for five days in a week was made by the then Minister of Railways in reply to the supplementary demands;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not running the train, five days a week;

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- (c) the time-frame by when the said train would run five days a week; and
- (d) the occupancy of passengers since the introduction of this train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It was announced that the frequency of 2447/2448 Nizamuddin-Manikpur Uttar Pradesh Sampark Kranti Express will be increased from tri-weekly to 5 days a week but was not implemented due to operational constraints.

(c) Increase in the frequency 2447/2448 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Manikpur Uttar Pradesh Sampark Kranti Express from 3 days in a week to daily has been announced in the Railway budget 2010-11. Trains announced in the Railway budget are implemented during the financial year.

(d) The occupancy of 2447/2448 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Manikpur Uttar Pradesh Sampark Kranti Express trains varied from class to class over different periods ever since its inception till date. During this period of overall occupancy of 2247 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Manikpur Uttar Pradesh Sampark Kranti Express varied approximately between 40% and more than 100% and that of 2448 in return direction varied approximately between 29% and 96%. During last two years, its occupancy has been more than 95% (both ways).

Rail lines in Rail Budget of 2009-10

†2409. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new rail lines on which proposals for survey work have been included in the rail budget of 2009-10;
- (b) the time limit fixed for completion of survey work on said new rail lines;
- (c) the State-wise data of rail network in the country;
- (d) the place of Rajasthan in the rail network against other States; and
- (e) whether Ministry has advised Government of Rajasthan on bearing the cost of linking Bhiwadi to Delhi-Ahmedabad broad gauge line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) 67 surveys for new lines were included in the Railway Budget 2009-10.

(b) Time limit for completing of surveys varies between 1 to 2 years depending upon length and geographical condition.

(c) and (d) The State-wise length of rail network (route kilometres) in the country including Rajasthan as on 01.04.2009 is given below:—

Sl.No.	State	Route kilometerage
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5185

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