

- (a) whether it is a fact that Central Government employees in the Grade Pay of Rs. 4200 are entitled for 2nd AC while travelling on duty or LTC as per the recommendations of 6th CPC;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the entitlement for Railway employees during such journeys falling under the same Grade Pay;
- (d) whether Government would entitle employees of Railways in Grade Pay of Rs. 4200, 2nd AC privilege passes and duty passes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons for discrimination with its own officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) As per recommendations of the 6th Central Pay Commission as accepted by the Government, the Central Government employees drawing Grade Pay of Rs. 4200 are entitled to travel by 2nd AC by train while on official tour. So far as LTC is concerned, the entitlements are the same as for tour.

However, Railway employees are not governed by Central Government LTC provisions as far as travel entitlements are concerned. They are governed by Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986 which entitle them to train journeys on duty/leave. Revision of entitlements for travel including travel in 2nd AC as per revised scales of pay/grade pay arising out of implementation of recommendations of the 6th Central Pay Commission are under examination.

#### **Construction of model railway station**

†3191. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work of Aadrash railway station has been commenced in Mumbai and throughout the country as per the assurance given in Railway Budget;
- (b) if so, whether Central and Western Railway has commenced any project in Mumbai;
- (c) if so, since when and the name of this project; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor along with complete details thereof?

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

(b) to (d) Under the Adarsh Station Scheme, work has been taken up at 40 stations of Central Railway and Western Railway in Mumbai area. Out of these, 16 stations have already been developed under this scheme.

#### **Proposal of new rail line for survey work in Haryana**

†3192. DR. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals of new railway lines for survey work from Haryana have been included in Railway Budgets during last five years; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the details of time-limit set for completion of survey work of these new railway lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) 8 surveys for new line have sanctioned in last 5 years. 5 surveys have already been completed and balance will be completed during 2010-11.

#### Rail projects in Tamil Nadu

3193. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of ongoing new line, gauge conversion, doubling projects falling fully or partly in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether a time-frame has been fixed for each of these projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts made to ensure timely completion of these projects in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) Details of ongoing new line, gauge conversion and doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu alongwith their status, target date for completion, wherever fixed is as under:—

Sl. No.	Project	Status and target date for completion wherever fixed
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#### New Line

1.	Attipattu-Puttur (88.3 km.)	Final location survey has been taken up.
2.	Bangalore-Satyamangalam (260 km.)	Tamil Nadu Forest Department has not granted permission to carry survey through Reserve Forest Area. Central Empowered Committee constituted by Hon'ble Supreme Court has also not recommended this project as it will cause damage to Elephant Wild Life Sanctuary. State Governments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have been requested for their views on dropping of this project.
3.	Chennai-Cuddalore <i>via</i> Mahabalipuram (179.28km.)	Feasibility study to decide take off station in Chennai Sub Urban section has been taken up.
4.	Erode-Palani (91.05 km.)	Final location survey has been taken up.
5.	Karur-Salem (85 km.)	All land acquisition litigation cases have been disposed off and required land acquired. Work on various activities has been taken up. Salem-Namakkal (51 km.) is targeted for completion during 2010-11.