

1	2	3	4
32.	Kerala	23960	14284.73
33.	Tamil Nadu	24707	13096.67
34.	Lakshadweep	—	—
35.	Pondicherry	400	180.84
	Not Specified	1120	1600.39
ALL INDIA:		279776	212500.00

Source : RBI data

Introduction of Rajdhani Express from Bhubaneshwar to New Delhi

3186. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines to introduce a Rajdhani Express;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to introduce a Rajdhani Express from Bhubaneshwar to New Delhi *via* Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Bilaspur, Katni, Bina, Jhansi, Gwalior, Agra and Mathura;

(c) whether any demand is pending before Government in this regard;

(d) if so, by when this proposal would be implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Rajdhani Express trains are long distance fast moving trains primarily meant for passengers between India's capital and state capitals.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Representations have been received for running New Delhi-Bhubaneshwar Rajdhani Express *via* Sambalpur. These have been examined but have not been found feasible at present.

Additional resource mobilization from surplus railway land

3187. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether surplus railway land available with Government were earlier engaged for agriculture;

(b) the details thereof with State-wise and location-wise history of such lands;

(c) the price at which these lands were originally acquired for the specific purpose of development of Railways;

(d) the present market valuation of such land in a comparative tabular form; and

(e) whether Government contemplates a concessional rate for private commercial developers or the Government intends to appropriate the entire price differential as additional resource mobilization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No such information is available.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Status of rail projects in Bihar

†3188. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail projects in Bihar which are either lagging behind from their stipulated schedule or pending;

(b) the details thereof including the reasons in case of each; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the status of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) 34 New Lines, 6 Gauge Conversion, 12 Doubling and 2 Railway electrification projects are in progress in the State of Bihar. The works are progressing as per availability of resources.

Details of projects in Bihar are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of project	Anticipated cost (Rs. in crore)	Expenditure	Reasons for delay
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Koderma-Tilaiya New Line	418.17	51.25	Delay in land acquisition and forestry clearance.
2.	Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi New Line	322.29	272.29	Delay in land acquisition. Delay is also due to severe floods, failure of contractors and change in scope of work based on floods. Also there was constraint of funds.
3.	Jaynagar-Darbhanga-Narktiaganj Gauge conversion	727.52	401.90	Jaynagar-Darbhanga-Sitamarhi commissioned. There is delay due to time taken in finalization of tender, slow progress by contractors and floods. Also there was constraints of fund.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.