

Superfast trains, Mail/Express trains with more than 24 hours time each way and the remaining trains with preference to those trains in which vestibules are provided. No definite time frame can be given for provision of pantry cars in different trains including Samaleswari Express as this is subject to availability of pantry cars and operational feasibility.

National Rail Vikas Yojana

2368. SHRI SURYAKANTBHAI ACHARYA:

SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain railway projects were included in the National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY);

(b) if so, the number of projects relating to Gujarat State;

(c) whether Bharuch-Dahej gauge conversion and provision of a new line from Surat to Hazira for providing rail connectivity to Hazira was included in the NRVY.

(d) if so, the present status of these projects;

(e) whether any time bound programme has been framed to complete these projects; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Four.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Bharuch-Samni-Dahej (62 Kms.) gauge conversion project entails an equity participation of Rs. 75 crore. Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) is in the process of formation of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). Once SPV is in place, debt will be arranged from market. The Surat-Hazira new line is an unsanctioned work for which bankability study and Final Location Survey (FLS) has been completed. The project is awaiting clear commitment for participation by beneficiaries and its proposed to be executed through SPV.

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(e) and (f) The work of Bharuch-Samni-Dahej is targeted for completion within two years after formation of SPV.

Projects under REGP

2369. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects progressing under Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) in the various States, district-wise;

(b) the amount of funds allocated and spent during each of the last three years; and

(c) the number of people benefitted through these schemes since April 1st, 1995, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) 2,09,705 projects have been established under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) up to 31.03.2005 since its commencement in April, 1995. State/Union Territory-wise details of projects set up are given in the Statement (See below). Being voluminous, the data for each District is not maintained centrally in the Ministry.

(b) Details of Margin Money (MM) assistance provided by the Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission for setting up village industry projects under REGP during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are as follow:

SI. No.	Year	MM assistance (Rs. lakh)
1.	2002-03	19,371,26
2.	2003-04	26,574,46
3.	2004-05	29,329,95

(c) District-wise information is not maintained centrally.