

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways is deliberately neglecting the development of Jajpur-Keonjhar Road, Korai, Baitarani Road, Bandalo, Jakhapura, Jenapur and Haridashpur railway stations although Railways is getting maximum revenue from Orissa; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that minimum passenger amenities are not available in all these stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Minimum passenger amenities as provided in rules are available at these stations.

Rail line in Orissa

685. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa has the shortest rail line in the Eastern Zone, although Railways is getting more revenue from Orissa;

(b) the total length of railway line in the country, State-wise, as on 31st March, 2010; and

(c) whether there is any special relaxation in criteria for railway projects for backward States like Orissa, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Bundelkhand area of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) No, Sir. At 2385.41 route kilometres, Orissa occupies third position among 12 States of Eastern/North Eastern India. Data on revenue earning is compiled on the Railways on zone-wise basis, and not State-wise.

(b) The State-wise length of railway line (route-kilometres) as on 31.3.2009 (latest available) is as under :-

Sl.No.	Name of State	Route Kms (RKM) as on 31.3.2009
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5184.85
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1.26
3.	Assam	2283.71
4.	Bihar	3514.90
5.	Chhattisgarh	1185.76
6.	Delhi	182.48
7.	Goa	69.00

1	2	3
8.	Gujarat	5328.26
9.	Haryana	1553.05
10.	Himachal Pradesh	285.01
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	238.77
12.	Jharkhand	1967.98
13.	Karnataka	3006.84
14.	Kerala	1050.20
15.	Madhya Pradesh	4949.08
16.	Maharashtra	5601.71
17.	Manipur	1.35
18.	Meghalaya	0.00
19.	Mizoram	1.50
20.	Nagaland	12.85
21.	Orissa	2385.41
22.	Punjab	2133.41
23.	Rajasthan	5854.48
24.	Sikkim	0.00
25.	Tamil Nadu	4106.85
26.	Tripura	151.40
27.	Uttar Pradesh	8702.75
28.	Uttarakhand	344.91
29.	West Bengal	3890.29
Union Territories		
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.00
2.	Chandigarh	15.70
3.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.00
4.	Daman and Diu	0.00
5.	Lakshadweep	0.00
6.	Puducherry	11.10
ALL INDIA		64014.88

(c) No, Sir. However, a number of projects have been taken up on socio-economic considerations for development of rail infrastructure in various parts of the country including Orissa, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh.

Vacant posts in North East Frontier Railway

686. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether about 3000 posts are lying vacant in North East Frontier Railway;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Ministry to fill up the vacancies and by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) and (b) The number of vacant posts in safety category on Northeast Frontier Railway as on 01.04.2009 is about 2265. The department-wise position is as under :

Department	Vacant Posts
(i) Civil Engineering	1156
(ii) Mechanical	108
(iii) Signal and Telecom	100
(iv) Transportation	552
(v) Other safety categories	349
TOTAL	2265

(c) Arising and filling of posts is a continuous process. Vacancies are filled up primarily through open market recruitments, promotions and through compassionate ground appointments. Notifications for expeditious filling up of vacant posts have been issued.

Gauge conversion work on Rangia-Murkongsilec rail line

687. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of gauge conversion of Rangia to Murkongsilec (Jonai) rail line; and
- (b) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) and (b) On this project, earthwork, bridges and other activities have been taken up. An expenditure of Rs. 232.14 crore was incurred upto 31.03.10 against anticipated cost of Rs. 1556.23 crore.