

(b) to (d) Running of 229/230 Raipur-Visakhapatnam Passenger has been restored upto Durg with effect from 20-07-2000 due to public demand.

Length of M.G. Rail Lines

2922. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of metre gauge rail line at present in the country;
- (b) the names of places in the country where metre gauge lines are existing, giving the State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Government plan to convert metre gauge lines into broad gauge under a time bound plan;
- (d) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (e) the total gauge lines converted into broad gauge during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The total length (route kilometres) of metre gauge railway lines in the country at present is 15,178 kms. (latest available figure as on 31.3.1999).

(b) to (c) All the States except Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab are having Metre Gauge lines. Metre Gauge lines are being converted into Broad Gauge in a phased manner. The state-wise details of on-going conversion works as well as the projects completed during the last three years are given below:

State-wise details of ongoing gauge conversion works:

Andhra Pradesh

1. Mudkhed-Adilabad (partly in Maharashtra)
2. Secunderabad-Mudkhed with Jankampet-Bodan (partly in Maharashtra)
3. Dharmavaram-Pakala
4. Kasipadi-Pakala-Tirupati
5. Guntur-Guntakal & Guntakal-Kalluru

Assam & NE Region

1. New Jalpaiguri-New Bongaigaon with linked fingers.
2. Lumding-Silchar
3. Katakhal-Bhairabi

Bihar

1. Katihar-Jogbani including Katihar-Radhikapur (partly in West Bengal)
2. Ranchi-Lohardaga and extension upto Tori
3. Samastipur-Khagaria
4. Kaptanganj-Thawe-Siwan-Chhapra (partly in Uttar Pradesh)
5. Jaynagar-Darbhanga-Narkatiaganj
6. Mansi-Saharsa (Ph.I)

Delhi

1. Delhi-Rewari (2nd line) (partly in Haryana)

Gujarat

1. Gandhidham-Bhuj
2. Gandhidham-Palanpur
3. Darangdhara-Kuda
4. Surendernagar—Bhavnagar-Dhola with extension upto Pipavav
5. Rajkot-Veraval
6. Wankaner-Maliya Miyana and Navlakhi-Dahinsara
7. Viramgam-Mehsana
8. Mehsana-Patan-Bhildi
9. Bhildi-Samdari

Haryana

1. Delhi-Rewari (2nd line) (partly in Delhi)
2. Rewari-Sadulpur (partly in Rajasthan)

Karnataka

1. Hassan-Mangalore

2. Solapur-Gadag
3. Mysore-Chamrajnagar
4. Hospet-Guntakal
5. Shimoga-Talguppa (part of Bangalore-Hubli Gauge Conversion project)

Kerala

1. Quilon Tenkasi-Virudhunagar-Tiruchendur (partly in Tamil Nadu)

Madhya Pradesh

1. Jabalpur-Gondia with Balaghat-Katangi
2. Nimach Ratlam

Maharashtra

1. Miraj-Latur
2. Purna-Akola
3. Mudkhed-Adilabad (partly in Andhra Pradesh)
4. Secunderabad-Mudkhed with Jankampet-Bodan (partly in Andhra Pradesh)

Orissa

1. Rupsa-Bangripasi
2. Naupada-Gunupur

Rajasthan

1. Agra-Bandikui (partly in Uttar Pradesh)
2. Ajmer-Chittaurgarh-Udaipur
3. Luni-Samdari-Munaboo
4. Samdari-Bhildi
5. Rewari-Sadulpur (partly in Haryana)
6. Sarupsar-Sri Ganganagar
7. Pipar Road-Bilara (Delhi-ADI Gauge Conversion project)

Tamil Nadu

1. Villupuram-Pondicherry

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2. Villupuram-Thanjavur (main line)
3. Salem-Cuddalore
4. Madurai-Rameswaram
5. Quilon-Tenkasi-Virudhunagar (partly in Kerala)
6. Trichy-Manamadurai
7. Trichy-Nagore-Karaikal
8. Katpadi-Villupuram

Uttar Pradesh

1. Agra Fort-Bandikui (partly in Rajasthan)
2. Mathura-Achhnera
3. Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura & Kasganj-Bareilly
4. Gonda-Gorakhpur Loop
5. Kaptanganj-Thawe-Sivan-Chhapra (partly in Bihar)
6. Gonda-Bahraich

West Bengal

1. Bankura-Rainagar (BDR Line)
2. Katihar-Jogbani including Katihar-Radhikapur (partly in Bihar)
3. New Jalpaiguri-New Bongaigaon

Details of gauge conversion completed during the last three years i.e. 1997-98 to 1999-2000:

1997-98 Completed Sections	KMS	1998-99 Completed Sections	KMS	1999-2000 Completed Sections	KMS
Hassan-Sakleshpur	42	Narkatiaganj- Gorakhpur	159	Kashipur-Lalkuan	60
Mysore-Holenarsipur	87	Tambaram-Trichy	303	Arakkonam- Chengalpattu	63
Bachwara-Hajipur	72	Trichy-Dindigul	93	Yelahanka- Yeshwantpur	17
Tirchy-Tanjavur	50	Babupet-Ballarshah	11	Morbi to Maliya- Miyana and	

1997-98 Completed Sections	KMS	1998-99 Completed Sections	KMS	1999-2000 Completed Sections	KMS
Jodhpur-Marwar	102	Shoalpur-Hotgi	15	Dahisara-Navlakhi	68
Hotgi-Bijapur	97	Mariani-Jorhat	48		
Jorhat-Furkating loop	67	Shivsagar-Moranhat	39		
Shimalguri-Shivsagar	16	Indara-Phephana	55		
Dronachellam-Mehboobnagar	185				

Train Stoppage in Adilabad District of A.P.

2923. DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the action taken to accede to the request of the Andhra Pradesh Government for halting of trains at certain places in Adilabad district under South-Central Railway like Navajeevan Express at Sirpur Kagaznagar, G.T. Exp. at Bellampalli etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): Stoppage of 6031/6032 Chennai-Jammu Tawi Andaman Express at Rechni Road from 1.12.99 and that of 6045/6046 Ahmedabad-Chennai Navjeevan Express at Sirpur Kagaznagar from 1.3.2000 have been provided. Stoppage of 2615/2616 G.T. Express at Bellampalli has been examined but not found feasible at present.

Setting up of a Railway Station at Krishnanagar

2924. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received for setting up of a railway station near Krishnanagar village on the Kothagudem Manuguru railway line for the convenience of pilgrims visiting Bhadrachalam temple town; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

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

(b) Krishnanagar village is located at a distance of 6 Kms from Pandurangapuram Railway station on Bhadrachalam-Manuguru section. This