

Sl. No.	Project	Outlay (Rs. in crore)	Status including expected target date of completion (wherever fixed)
New Lines			
1.	Chandigarh-Ludhiana (112 km.)	70.00	Chandigarh-Morinda (45 km.) and Ludhiana-Sahnawal (17 km.) sections completed.
2.	Abohar-fazilka (42.72 km.)	15.00	Work completed.
3.	Taran Taran-Goindwal (21.5 km.)	40.00	Expected to be completed in 2010-11
4.	Chandigarh-Baddi (33.23 km.)	0.13	Preliminary works are in progress
Doubling			
1.	Jalandhar-Pathankot-Jammu Tawi (203 km.)	30.00	2010-11 (except Budhi-Chhan Arorian section)
2.	Jakhal-Mansa (45 km.)	25.00	Work in progress.
3.	Mansa-Bhatinda (52 km.)	20.00	Preliminary works are in progress
4.	Jalandhar cantt-Suchipind (3.5 km.)	4.00	
5.	Kathua-Madhopur Punjab (8 km.)	4.00	
Railway Electrification			
1.	Jalandhar-Pathankot-Jammu Tawi (203 km.)	75.66	Work in progress.

Train accidents

1991. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of train accidents that have taken place since May, 2009;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to increase the safety of passengers;
- (c) the details of compensation paid to the victims of the accidents;
- (d) the number of victims still awaiting compensation and the reasons therefor;

and

- (e) whether Government has the intention to provide for insurance for the train passengers in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) During May, 2009 to October, 2010, 150 consequential train accidents took place on Indian Railways. This excludes cases of trespassing at unmanned level crossings caused due to negligence of road users.

(b) Safety is accorded the highest priority by Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on a continuing basis by the Railways to enhance safety. These include timely replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signaling and interlocking systems, safety drives, greater emphasis on training of officials and inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices. Safety devices/systems being introduced to prevent accidents include provision of Anti-collision Device (ACD), Train Protection and Warning System (TPWS), Block Proving Axle Counters (BPAC), Auxiliary Warning System (AWS), LED Signals and Vigilance Control Device (VCD), etc.

(c) Compensation is paid after a claim in this regard is filed in Railway Claims Tribunal and a decree is awarded by Railway Claims Tribunal. The amount of compensation paid to victims of train accidents in 2009-10 and the current year from 1st April to 18th November, 2010 were Rs. 2.66 crore and Rs. 1.29 crore, respectively.

(d) A total of 441 victims of train accidents are awaiting for award of decree by Railway Claims Tribunal as on 31.10.2010 for payment of compensation as their claims are yet to be decided. Majority of the pending cases pertains to recent incidents for which the process of completing documentation formalities are on. However, in some cases:—

- Submission of written statements by the Railway on the facts of the applicants take time.
- Adjournments are taken by applicants for producing evidence before the Tribunal.
- Time taken by Respondent Railway in filing of written Statement.
- Respondent Railway also seeks adjournments for cross examination of applicant's evidence.

(e) In case of death/injury in train accident, it is responsibility of the Indian Railways under the Railways Act, 1989 to pay compensation as decreed by the Railway Claims Tribunal. The insurance cover bought from general insurers is an internal mechanism to get the reimbursement of the compensation paid by the Railways to the claimants. Payment of compensation to the victims of train accidents does not get affected whether insurance cover is there or not. Presently, no insurance cover has been bought by Railways.

Train services in Orissa

1992. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government has any plan to run Puri-Bangalore Garib Rath, Passenger train between Puri-Badbil and Express trains from Keonjhar-Badbil to Howrah and Baripada to Howrah?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): It has been announced in the Railway Budget 2009-10 to extend 8415/8416 Puri-Kendujhargarh Express upto Badbil and in the Railway Budget 2010-11 to introduce Baripada-Shalimar Intercity Express (Tri-weekly). 0869/0870 Puri-Bangalore Garib Rath Express (weekly) is running as a special train between Puri and Bangalore upto 31.12.2010.