

(a) the present status of the Wagon Factory at Cherthala in Kerala, which was announced in the Railway Budget 2007-08;

(b) whether any Joint Venture in this regard has been set up;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether final approval for the project has been given;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) by when Government proposes to complete the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):

(a) A memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between Ministry of Railways and Government of Kerala for forming a joint venture company to undertake manufacture of coach & wagon components at Cherthala in Kerala.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) In view of the upgraded technology being adopted by Railways now, the business plan is being revised to bring it in line with the current needs of the Railways.

Rail projects in Maharashtra

1852. SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending and ongoing railway projects for the State of Maharashtra;

(b) the details of rail projects sanctioned for the State during each of the last three years;

(c) the amount sanctioned for each of these projects and the present status of each of them;

(d) the number of projects running behind schedule in the State;

(e) the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):

(a) There are 4 new line, 3 gauge conversion, 2 doubling and 2 Metropolitan Transport Projects (MTP) falling fully or partly in the State of Maharashtra are in progress. No project is pending in the State.

(b) and (c) Details of railway projects sanctioned during the last three years in the State, allocation of funds during 2010-11 and with their status are as under:

*(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the ongoing project	Year of Sanction	Outlay during 2010-11*	Present status and target wherever fixed
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Wardha-Nanded	2008-09	40.00	Estimate sanctioned and work taken up.
2.	Ratlam-Mhow-Khandwa-Akola	2008-09	40.00	Estimate sanctioned and work taken up.
3.	Pen-Roha doubling	2007-08	49.00	Earthwork, bridge work taken up.
4.	Mumbai Urban Transport Project (Phase-II)-Rail component	2008-09	150.00	Work included in the Budget 2008-09 and work taken up.
5.	Daund-Gulbarga doubling and Pune-Guntakal electrification	2009-10	0.00	Work included in Supplementary Budget 2009-10. Final Location Survey in progress.
6.	Godhani-Kalumna Chord	2010-11	1.00	Work included in Supplementary Budget 2010-11. Preliminary activities are in progress.
7.	Kalumna-Nagpur doubling	2007-08	10.00	Final Location Survey completed. Earthwork & bridge work taken up.

1	2	3	4	5
8.	Udhna-Jalgaon doubling with electrification	2008-09	30.00	Estimates sanctioned. Earthwork & bridge work taken up.
9.	Daund-Manmad incl. Puntamba-Shirdi electrification	2010-11	3.35	New work included in Budget 2010-11.
10.	Gondia-Ballarshah electrification	2010-11	3.35	New work included in Budget 2010-11.

(d) to (f) Railways have huge throw-forward of ongoing projects with limited availability of resources. The projects are progressed as per availability of resources. To expedite completion of projects, a number of initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources through non budgetary measures like Public-Private Partnership, funding by State Governments and other beneficiaries. To reduce delay on account of land availability, security issues, forestry clearances etc. meetings with State Government/Central Government officials are held from time to time. Contract conditions have been modified to bring efficiency in contract management and field units have been further empowered.

New rail line between Aligarh and Kasganj

1853. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was a proposal to lay a new rail line between Aligarh and Kasganj;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made so far in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):

(a) to (c) A survey for construction of new line from Aligarh-Kasganj was completed in December' 2007. As per survey report the cost of construction of 63.48 km long line was assessed as Rs. 292.51 crore. The updating of this survey report has been taken up.

Superfast trains connecting metro cities with Guwahati

1854. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: