

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Shimoga-Harihar (78.65 Km), Whitefield-Kolar (52.9 Km) and Tumkur-Davangere (199.7 Km) new line projects have been included in the Railway Budget 2011-12. Preliminary arrangements are being made to take up work on these projects.

A survey for Gadag-Haveri (81.9 Km) new line has also been completed and its survey report is under examination.

Considering the State Government's proposal for sharing 50% cost for Gadag-Wadi new line, the need for taking up work on this proposal is being considered.

Railway projects in Maharashtra

*433.DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed status of various railway projects that the State Government of Maharashtra has recommended to Railways;

(b) the total amount of money earmarked for various railway projects in Maharashtra and the amount actually spent; and

(c) the number of railway projects completed in the State and the length of railway line laid in view of part (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) A reference was received from Chief Minister, Maharashtra in December, 2009 regarding 12 new lines, 2 gauge conversion and 4 doubling projects. Out of these, Miraj-Latur gauge conversion has already been completed and works are in progress on 7 more projects as per the availability of resources. Out of the remaining works, surveys have been completed for 5 proposals and surveys have been taken up for 3 proposals.

(b) During 2011-12, an outlay of Rs. 696.17 crore has been provided for ongoing projects falling fully or partly within the State of Maharashtra. Expenditure on these projects till March, 2011 is Rs.4271.71 crore.

(c) 3 new line projects covering a length of 181.4 km, 5 gauge conversion projects covering a length of 1226.5 km and 3 doubling projects covering a length of 39.23 km falling fully/partly in Maharashtra have been completed in recent past.