

Delay in projects due to land unavailability

1531. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway projects being delayed due to land unavailability;
- (b) the details of such projects, State-wise; and
- (c) the Government's plan to overcome such problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposals from Government of Maharashtra

†1532. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new proposals sent by Government of Maharashtra to Railways so far;
- (b) the number of old proposals pending with Railways for approval till date and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of approved proposals on which work has been commenced and the number of proposals on which survey has been completed; and
- (d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) 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.

Serving of alcoholic drinks by pantry staff

1533. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that private caterers of pantry cars in the trains of long route offer hard drinks to passengers and many passengers take hard drinks during journey;
- (b) if so, the details of monitoring system to ensure that they don't supply alcoholic drinks;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.