

(c) As on 01.04.2010, 9791 Physically Handicapped Persons are working in Railways.

Ongoing railway projects

2132. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ongoing projects in Railways and the total amount required to complete all railway projects in the country;

(b) whether Railways have any action plan for special drive of funds, one time budget provision or Public-Private Partnership model to complete all the projects; and

(c) whether non-completion of railway projects for more than ten years, where public money have been invested, would not be treated as non-performing assets?

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

(a) As on 01.04.2011, there are 129 ongoing New Line, 45 Gauge Conversion and 166 Doubling projects requiring about Rs. 1,25,000 Crores for completion.

(b) Steps have been taken to generate extra budgetary resources through participation by States, Public Private Partnership, funding by Ministry of Defence, declaring some projects as National Projects with additionality from Ministry of Finance and implementation of bankable projects through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited.

For execution of gauge conversion and doubling projects, during 2011-12, Rs. 7400 Crores for gauge conversion & Doubling projects is planned to be raised through "Capital Bond".

(c) No, Sir. Due to limited availability of resources, many projects are commissioned section by section to have better utilization of investment. Also, infrastructure projects have long gestation period depending upon the terrain, issues of land acquisition, forestry clearance, security problems etc.

Freight carrying capacity

2133. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: