

The doubling work from Delang to Puri (28.7 km) has been included in Railway Budget 2010-11.

Newer version of ACDs

1977. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Anti Collision Devices (ACDs) have been installed on all routes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the expenditure incurred thereon;
- (d) whether it is a fact that Railways are installing a newer version of ACD on routes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) No, Sir. ACD has under gone trials in a pilot project on Northeast Frontier Railway.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Expenditure to the tune of Rs. 95 crores has been incurred on the Anti Collision Device (ACD) provided on 1736 Route Kms on Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) as a pilot project.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A new ACD Version- II (now called Train Collision Avoidance System-TCAS), which is likely to resolve the problem observed with ACD is under development. Installation on other routes is likely to be undertaken only after successful validation and certification to acceptable performance parameters.

World class stations

1978. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the station -wise status of the proposal for upgradation of more than 50 railway stations as World Class Station in the country;

(b) the amount spent so far under this scheme;

(c) whether any time frame has been fixed for completion of this work ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):
(a) to (d) 50 stations have been identified for development as world class stations in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode by leveraging the real estate potential of the land around and the air space above the stations as per the extant Govt. guidelines. Bidding process for world class stations in PPP mode can be initiated after Master Plan and Feasibility Report is prepared and in-principle approval of local bodies is obtained. Consultancy works for preparation of Master Plan and Feasibility Report had been taken up for New Delhi, Chatrapathi Shivaji Terminus (CST), Mumbai and Patna. Action has also been initiated for appointment of Consultants for Secunderabad, Howrah, Anand Vihar (Phase II), Chandigarh, Bijwasan, Kolkata, Porbandar, Surat, Ahmedabad, Sealdah and Chennai Central. For other stations, preliminary activities have been taken up by the Zonal Railways.

World class railway station projects are primarily envisaged through private investment and Government funds are required only for preparatory works such as consultancies for feasibility reports and advisory services, for which funds are allocated from time to time, as per requirement.

Work at site shall commence after award of concession to the concessionaire and financial closure by the concessionaire. After award of concession, completion of project is likely to take 5 to 6 years due to complexity of work and necessity to undertake the work while keeping the station operational.

Multi-tranche financing facility by ADB

1979. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Asian Development Bank (ADB) Board has approved a multi-tranche financing facility to support Railways;

(b) if so, the details of the funding;

(c) the details of programmes included in this investment scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):
(a) Yes, Sir.