

has been taken up as a part of Jabalpur-Damoh-Panna new line survey. Field work has been completed, the survey report is likely to be finalised by March, 2012.

Demands of disabled PCO/STD booth operators

†2748. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demands of the disabled persons, who have been earning their livelihood by operating yearly renewable permission of STD and PCO booths at railway stations in the country for more than one decade, have been considered;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Some representations have been received for permitting sale of other items, exemption/reduction in licence fee and temporary extension of the contract of STD/PCO booths.

The representations were examined and permission was granted for sale of mobile recharge coupons. However, the licensees were not permitted to sell additional articles as multipurpose stalls are already available at the stations to sell these articles. The demand for exemption/reduction in licence fee was not found feasible. Extension/temporary extension/allotment of STD/PCO booths is done as per the policy in vogue.

Railway tracks laid/surveys done for new railway lines

2749. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of railway track in kilometres laid since independence

(b) the details of surveys done, so far, for new railway tracks and railway connections in Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, North Eastern States, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Sikkim; and

(c) the action taken by Railways on these surveys?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Indian Railways have added 10,864 route kilometres from 1.4.1950 to 31.3.2011. However, as a result of laying of new lines and gauge conversion, broad gauge route kilometres have substantially increased by 29,930 kilometres since 1950.

(b) 64 surveys have been conducted so far for new lines in Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), North Eastern (NE) States, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Sikkim. Details of surveys conducted is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) Out of 64 new line surveys, work has been sanctioned for 17 projects.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Survey carried out in Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, NE States, Andaman Nicobar and Sikkim

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	KMS	COST	ROR	Status
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Port Blair-Aerial Bay-Andaman Islands	250	794	-3	Shelved being unremunerative.
2.	Port Blair-Diglipur	239	867	-6.13	Shelved being unremunerative.
3.	Azra-Byrnihat	30	223	-19.22	Work sanctioned
4.	Barpeta Road — Tihu.	58	520	-6.60	Shelved being unremunerative.
5.	Bedeti-Itanagar	42	490	-7.45	Under examination.
6.	Bhairabi-Sairang/Aizwal	52	519	-5.89	Work sanctioned.
7.	Chaparmukh-Dibrugarh	344	3491	-6.27%	Shelved being unremunerative.
8.	Dangri-Dhola	6	48	-14.01	Shelved being unremunerative.
9.	Digaru to Byrnihat	20	93	-ve	Shelved being unremunerative.
10.	Dimapur-Chumukedima	13	6	-0.35	Shelved being unremunerative.
11.	Dimapur-Kohima	88	912	-26.44	Work sanctioned.
12.	Diphu (Dhansiri) to Karong	124	2173	-6.82	Work sanctioned.
13.	Dullabchhera-Cheragi (NL-17.6 km.) and Baraigram-Dullabcherra (GC-29.4 km.)	47	213	-8.3	Shelved being unremunerative.

14.	Extension of Amguri-Tuli line to Tuli Town (Tuli-Tuli Road)	9	44	-4.86	Shelved being unremunerative.
15.	Guwahati-Burnihat	27	26	-1.58	Shelved being unremunerative.
16.	Haibargaon-Mairabri and Senchea-Silghat (Restoration of line)	100	105		Work sanctioned.
17.	Harmuti-Itanagar	33	156	-ve	Work sanctioned.
18.	Jiribam-Imphal	125	2565	-7.08	Work sanctioned.
19.	Jiribam-Imphal (Tupui)	98	728	-19.39	Work sanctioned.
20.	Jogighopa to Silchar <i>via</i> Panchratna	437	15894	-5.22	Under examination.
21.	Kokrajhar-Gelephu (Bhutan)	58	302	-12.4	Under examination.
22.	Lalabazar-Vairengte	20	364	-12.52	Shelved being unremunerative.
23.	Lanka-Silchar	209	2166	-ve	Work sanctioned.
24.	Lekhapani-Kharsang	31	318	-7.30	Under examination.
25.	Makum-Saikhova Ghat	6	15	-ve	Shelved being unremunerative.
26.	Murkongselek-Passighat	30	166	-8.02	Work sanctioned.
27.	Naganimora-Amguri	31	389	-6.74	Under examination.
28.	North Lakhimpur-Along-Silapathar	248	11155	-6.51%	Under examination.
29.	Pathsala-Nanglam (Bhutan)	51	753	5.4	Under examination.
30.	Rangia-Sandrupjongkhar <i>via</i> Darranga (Bhutan)	41	581	-6.1	Under examination.

1	2	3	4	5	6
31.	Rupai-Parashuramkund <i>via</i> Mahadevpur, Namsai, Chingkhams	98	1289	-6.51%	Under examination.
32.	Salona to Khumtai	99	2932	-8.99%	Under examination.
33.	Sarthabari to Changasari	59	458	-6.78	Under examination.
34.	Baramulla-Kupwara	39	628	-7.48%	Under examination.
35.	Jammu to Poonch <i>via</i> Akhnur-Rajouri.	223	13613	-4.61	Under examination.
36.	Kathua-Basoli-Bhadarwah-Kishtwar	259	9776	-4.92	Under examination.
37.	Kathua-Riasi	128	1	–	Shelved being unremunerative.
38.	Kathua-Udhampur	93	17	–	Shelved being unremunerative.
39.	Udhampur/Katra-Bhairawah, Doda to Kishtwar	224	3860	-22	Shelved being unremunerative.
40.	Jiribam-Makru	19	75	–	Shelved being unremunerative.
41.	Byrnihat-Shillong	108	4083	-8.34	Work sanctioned.
42.	Tuli line to Tuli Town (Tuli-Tuli Road)	9	109	-7.08	Shelved being unremunerative.
43.	Chandigarh-Dehradun <i>via</i> Jagadhari	217	604	-17.03	Shelved being unremunerative.
44.	Mirik-Gangtok	163	11684	-9.65	Under examination.
45.	Rangpo-Gangtok	69	4165	-11	Under examination.
46.	Agartala-Sabroom	110	813	-31.94	Work sanctioned.

47.	Dehradun-Saharanpur	69	375	-ve	Shelved being unremunerative.
48.	Muzaffarnagar to Roorkee	27	106	1.68	Work sanctioned.
49.	Kiccha-Sitarganj-Nanak Mata-Khatima	57	166	-3.24	Work sanctioned.
50.	Ramnagar-Chaukhutiya	87	1379	-3.03%	Under examination.
51.	Tanakpur-Bageshwar	155	2791	-1.16	Under examination.
52.	Dehradun-Dak Pathar-Kalsi	43	6	4.52	Shelved being unremunerative.
53.	Dehradun to Kalsi	47	676	-4.08	Under examination.
54.	Haridwar-Kotdwar-Ramnagar	143	1237	-6.00%	Under examination.
55.	Muzaffarnagar to Haridwar <i>via</i> Roorkee	51	281	-3.01	Shelved being unremunerative.
56.	Piran Kaliyar Sharif-Haridwar	22	177	-5.60	Under examination.
57.	Rishikesh-Dehradun	20	82	-11.88	Shelved being unremunerative.
58.	Rishikesh-Doiwala	19	260	-3.5%	Under examination.
59.	Rishikesh-Karnaprayag	125	4295	-6.34	Work sanctioned.
60.	Haldibari-Mekhliganj and extension from Mekhfiganj to Chandrabandha	26	152	-6.30	Under examination.
61.	New Maynaguri-Mathabanga-New Coochbihar to Jogighoppa	230	733	-ve	Work sanctioned.
62.	Sivok to Singtam <i>via</i> Giellekhole	60	1099	-34	Shelved being unremunerative.
63.	Sivok-Giellikhola (NG)	25	105	-9.87	Shelved being unremunerative.
64.	Sivok-Rangpo	53	1339	-7.44	Work sanctioned.

*ROR-Rate of Return.