

(b) The distance between New Cooch Behar and New Alipurduar Railway Station is 18.47 Kms.

(c) Presently, 9 pairs and 8 pairs of super fast trains are having stoppage at New Cooch Behar and New Alipurduar stations, respectively under NF Railway.

Proposals from Government of Madhya Pradesh

†3246. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals regarding Railways received by Central Government from Government of Madhya Pradesh, during the period 2004 to 2011;

(b) out of them how many proposals have been cleared and how many are lying pending and by when these proposals would be cleared; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI) : (a) to (c) Details of Railway proposals received from Government of Madhya Pradesh from 2004 onwards is not available in record. However, on 15.11.2011 Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh had sent a list of important Railway projects in Madhya Pradesh. The status of these projects is as under:-

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Present Status
1	2	3
1.	Gauge Conversion of Jabalpur-Gondia rail line	On this project, Gondia-Balaghat (422 km) and Balaghat-Katangi (47 km) have been completed and commissioned. Contracts for earthwork and bridges in Balaghat-Nainpur-Jabalpur awarded but work is held up for want of forestry clearance.
2.	New rail line from Makroniya RS of Sagar to Khajuraho via Karrapur-Dabanga-Dalpatpur-Shahgarh-Heerapur-Bada Malhara	A survey for construction of a new Broad Gauge (BG) line from Chhindwara-Gadarwara-Udaipur-Jaisinagar-Saugor-Banda Badamalhara-Khajuraho Rail line is included in the Budget 2012-13.
3.	New rail line between Bhind and Konch via Lahar	A survey for construction of a new BG line between Bhind and Konch via Lahar is included in the Budget 2012-13.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
4.	Conversion of narrow gauge line between Gwalior and Sheopur into BG and extending it upto Kota	Gwalior-Sheopur Kalan Gauge Conversion (GC) with extension upto Kota (284 km) is a sanctioned work. Final Location Survey (FLS) has been taken up.
5.	Construction/extension of new line from Indore to Manmad via Khargaon-Sendhwa	Manmad-Indore via Malegaon & Dhule new line is not a sanctioned work. However, the proposal has been sent to Planning Commission for according "In Principle" approval.
6.	Construction of Indore-Dahod, Indore-Chota Udaipur railway line	Dahod-Indore part estimate for Dahod-Katwara and Sagar-Indore has been sanctioned. Earthwork and bridge contract awarded where land is available. Target for completion not yet fixed. On Chhotaudepur-Dhar section, earthwork and bridges taken up in first 40 km stretch where more than 50% land has been acquired. Target date for completion not yet fixed.
7.	Construction of new rail line from Indore to Manmad via Barwani	Survey completed. Updated cost and Rate of Return (ROR) of the project after cost sharing received recently. Under process.
8.	Conversion of Ratlam-Indore-Khandwa-Akola MG rail line into BG	Part detailed estimate for Ratlam-Indore-Mhow (159.45 km) and Akola-Akod (43.5 km) sections sanctioned. Ratlam-Fatehabad (80 km) is targeted for completion by March 2013.
9.	Construction of new rail line between Lalitpur-Singrauli	On this project, Mahoba-Khajuraho (65 km) already completed and commissioned. On Lalitpur-Mawaikhas-Kharagpur (87 km) completed in 2011-12. Work taken up in Sidhi-Singrauli section. In Khajuraho-Satna section, Ministry of Environment & Forests (MOEF) has not cleared the alignment passing through Panna Wild Life Reserve and alternate alignment is being explored.
10.	Starting work on the Indore-Dhar-Udaipur route, expediting the new line work from Indore to Dahod and	Gwalior-Sheopur Kalan GC project with extension upto Kota (284 km) has been sanctioned. FLS taken up.

1	2	3
	linking Indore to Khandwa on BG which falls under Delhi-Mumbai Industrial	
11.	Providing linkage to Panna with Satna new rail line	Panna-Satna section is a part of sanctioned Lalitpur-Satna-Rewa-Singrauli new line project. In Khajuraho-Satna section, FLS taken up avoiding Panna Wildlife Sanctuary.

Broad gauge railway line

3247. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines fixed by Government for construction of broad gauge railway line in hilly and border areas;

(b) whether Government would construct broad gauge railway line between Dehradun and Rohru in Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, whether Government had received any proposal from Government of Himachal Pradesh in this regard which was sent to the General Manager, Northern Railway;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) whether Government would start work on priority basis for development of the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI) : (a) Projects on Indian Railways are generally sanctioned in accordance with norms laid down in the National Transport Policy, 1980. Besides this, projects are also taken up on socio-economic considerations for development of hilly, remote and economically backward areas.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Construction of Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri and Nangaldam-Talwara new lines have been taken up for development of railway network in Himachal Pradesh.