

Automatic signalling system

3241. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have got any request for introducing Automatic Signalling system in Thiruvananthapuram-Ernakulam -Kozhikode sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Railways have any estimate regarding the per kilometre cost for introducing Automatic Signalling System; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Requests for introducing Automatic Signalling System between Thiruvananthapuram-Kollam and Shoranur-Ernakulam have been received from State Government. At present these sections do not qualify for provision of Automatic Signalling as Automatic Signalling is provided where a large number of commuter trains operate and in certain sections where traffic density is high on High Density Network routes.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The estimated cost of implementing Automatic Block Signalling system is approx. ₹ 50 lakh per Route Kilometer for a double line section.

Railway works under western railway

†3242. SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the new railway line railway routes sanctioned for laying under Western Railway;
- (b) the new railway routes for which survey etc. works have been sanctioned under Western Railway;
- (c) the railway routes for which doubling and electrification works have been sanctioned under Western Railways;
- (d) the details of financial and physical achievements of above-mentioned sanctioned works till last year *i.e.* 2011-2012; and
- (e) whether survey work of laying of new railway line between Ujjain-Agar-Jhalawar to Ramganj Mandi has been completed?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI) : (a) to (d) At present, the details of ongoing new line, doubling and electrification projects sanctioned under Western Railway and their physical and financial implication up to March, 2012 are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the projects	Km.	Financial progress (in %age)	Physical progress (in %age)
<i>New Lines</i>				
1	Dahod-Indore via Sardarpur, Dhar	200.97	6	6
2	Chhotaudepur-Dhar	157.00	6	7
3	Modasa-Shamlaji	22.53	0	0
<i>Doubling</i>				
1	Udhna- Jalgaon with electrification	306.93	20	21
2	Viramgam- Surendranagar	65.26	2	0
3	Viramgam- Samakhiali	182.23	0	0
4	Surat-Kosamba	35	0	0
<i>Electrification</i>				
1	Ujjain-Indore & Dewas-Maksi	115	98.34	100

Surveys for 40 new lines are in various stages.

(c) An updating survey for construction of new line from Ujjain-Ramganjmandi (190 km) has been proposed in the Railway Budget 2012-13.

Vacant posts in railways

3243. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts in Railways, as on 1 April, 2011, category-wise; and

(b) the number of vacant posts in safety related category, as on 1 April, 2011, post-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI) : (a) and (b) The number of vacant posts in the Zonal Railways as on 01.04.2011 for gazetted category (A & B) is 1643. There is no distinction between safety and non-safety posts in gazetted category.