

- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) As per survey report, the alignment passes through Manmad, Kundalgaon, Malegaon, Arby, Dhule, Nim Khedi, Nardana, Shirpur, Bhalwan, Shendhwa, Dhamnod, Nayapurba, Kelod and Mhow.

- (e) No, Sir. Project is not yet sanctioned.

- (f) Does not arise.

Green Toilets

3998. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to launch green toilets in passenger coaches in various long distance and other trains;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) the details of long distance trains that have since been covered;

- (d) the time-frame within which all such trains are proposed to be covered;

- (e) whether such facilities would also be developed on railway stations and other railway premises; and

- (f) the action plan for the East Coast Railway in this regard?

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

- (b) and (c) Bio-toilets are running in following trains (partially):

1. Guwahati - Chennai Egmore Express
2. Gwalior - Varanasi Bundelkhand Express
3. Gwalior - Indore Intercity Express
4. Jammu Tawi - Indore Malwa Express

5. Lucknow - Mumbai CSTM Pushpak Express
6. Mumbai - Varanasi Mahanagri Express
7. New Delhi - Rewa Express
8. Nizamuddin - Indore Express.

At present, a total of 465 bio-toilets are in service, most of which are based on Indian Railway-Defence Research & Development Organisation (IR-DRDO) technology.

(d) Based on experience, decision will be taken from time to time. Preliminary estimates, based on a median approach, suggest elimination of induction of new coaches with direct discharge system in next five years provided no technical setback is experienced in the development and induction process and sufficient funds are available.

(e) At present, there is no such proposal to develop green toilets at Railway Stations and other Railway premises.

(f) Does not arise.

Pending railway projects in North Eastern states

3999. SHRI KHEKIHO ZHIMOMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have asked States Governments of North Eastern States to share the cost of railway projects, pending for a long time in their respective States to ensure their timely completion;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with ratio of sharing, State-wise; and

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed for completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) In view of huge throw forward & limited availability of resources, State Governments were requested for cost sharing. State Governments of North Eastern States have not come forward for cost sharing of Railway projects. A dedicated North Eastern Region Rail Development Fund (NERRDF) has been created for funding execution of National Projects in the North East Region.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.