

No separate data on average speed of trains is maintained by the Railways in respect of trains run on trunk routes.

(c) Augmentation of line capacity works and technological upgradation of operational assets such as track, signals, coaches and wagons is being done with an emphasis on trunk routes as an effort to increase the average speed of trains.

World class stations in Assam

4772. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any proposal for establishment of world class station at any of the railway stations in Assam;

(b) whether the State Government has sent any proposal in this regard;

(c) whether any declaration has been made in any of the budget speeches of the Railway Minister in this regard; and

(d) if not, whether there is any plan to establish the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Guwahati Railway Station in the State of Assam has been identified for development as world class station on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, by leveraging the real estate potential of the land around and the air space above the station.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Gauge conversion projects

4773. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the gauge conversion projects in progress, with year of sanction, commencement, initial estimated cost and estimated cost, as on 1 April, 2011; and

(b) the status of each project, as on 1 April, 2011?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Details of gauge conversion projects, as on 01.04.2011, is given as under: