

(e) As on 01.04.2012, an amount of Rs. 17495 Crore is required for completion of new line projects in N.E. Region.

Air conditioned local trains in Mumbai

4791. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that air conditioned local trains have been planned more than once for Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the reasons for delay in its implementation; and
- (c) the firm steps Government is taking for its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir. Air conditioned Electrical Multiple Unit (EMU) rake for suburban services in Mumbai has been planned for the first time on trial basis during 2012-13.

(b) There is no delay.

(c) Integral Coach Factory Chennai has been asked to manufacture one air conditioned EMU rake for Mumbai during 2012-13.

Survey for new railway line

4792. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether survey for a new railway line between Jharsuguda and Ambikapur *via* Sundergarh, Tapkara, Kunkuri, Jashpurnagar and Gumla has been done;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the office for the survey has been established in Kunkuri and Sundergarh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) The survey for new line between Jharsuguda and Ambikapur has been included in the Budget 2012-13. The survey will be taken up during the year.

- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.

Abolition of posts

4793. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railways have abolished a number of posts under its administrative control; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) It has been the endeavor of the Railways to identify activities which have become redundant or reduced on account of change in technology/changing traffic pattern. Due to large scale acquisition of new assets the sanctioned strength has increased by about 3390 in the Financial Year 2010-11. Financial viability is kept in view while surrendering and creating posts.

Fifteen rakes trains on central and western local lines in Mumbai

†4794. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some trains with fifteen rakes are likely to be operated on both the Central and the Western local lines in Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the time by when they will be operational;
- (c) whether work related to platform and other works on both the lines have been completed;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be completed; and
- (e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. 14 local train services with 15 cars in a rake are operated only on Virar-Churchgate section in Mumbai on Western Railway section where infrastructural facilities are available. Running of a train having 15 car in its composition depends on availability of infrastructural facilities, traffic justification, commercial viability and availability of resources. No time frame for running additional 15 car train services has been set.

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