

(d) and (e) Commissioners of Railway Safety have also recommended separate cadres for electric and diesel tractions. The matter is under consideration.

**Railway project in punjab**

2614. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the various railway projects in Punjab;
- (b) the status thereof, project-wise;
- (c) the number of projects being delayed and the reasons for delay, project-wise;
- (d) the cost overrun for each delayed project, project-wise; and
- (e) the efforts made to complete the projects within the time schedule or extended time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The details of ongoing Railway projects falling fully/partly in Punjab are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Project	Latest anticipated Cost (Rs. in crore)	Expenditure up to Mar.' 2012 (Rs. in cr.)	Target date of completion.
1	2	3	4	5
<b>New lines</b>				
1.	Chandigarh-Ludhiana (112 km.)	1115.21	852.76	Chandigarh-Morinda (45 km) commissioned, Ludhiana-Sanehwal (17km.) is also completed. Morinda-Sanehwal section is targeted for 2012-13
2.	Qadian-Beas (39.68 km.)	205.22	0.01	Not fixed.
3.	Chandigarh-Baddi (33.23 km.)	328.14	0.15	Not fixed.
4.	Nangaldam-Talwara (83.74 km.)	730.00	344.00	Nangaldam-Amb Andaura (44 km.) section commissioned.
5.	Taran Taran-Goindwal (21.5 km.)	110.77	76.57	2012-13.

1	2	3	4	5
<b>Doubling</b>				
1.	Jalandhar-Jammu Tawi (211.26 km.)	847.75	828.74	2012-13.
2.	Ambala Cantt.-Thapar (22.71 km.)	139.54	8.89	Not fixed.
3.	Chakki Bank-Bharauli (3.5 km.)	15.00	3.5	Not fixed.
4.	Jalandhar Cantt.- Suchipind (3.5 km.)	15.69	2.00	Not fixed.
5.	Kathua-Madhopur Pb. Doubling across Br. No. 16, 18 and 19	16.28	0.05	Not fixed.
6.	Kathua-Madhopur Pb. Doubling across Ravi Bridge.	96.05	1.00	Not fixed.
7.	Mansa-Bhatinda (53 km.)	157.00	13.07	Not fixed.
8.	Mirthal-Bhangala	71.46	0.05	Not fixed.
9.	Sambha-Vijaypur Jammu across Basanter Bridge	40.21	2.00	Not fixed.
10.	Jakhal-Mansa (45 km.)	165.65	148.82	Work completed
11.	Mansa-Bhatinda (53 km.)	157.00	13.07	Not fixed.

(c) to (e) The following projects in Punjab have been delayed:

Sl. No.	Project	Original cost (Rs. in crore)	Latest anticipated cost (Rs. in crore)
1.	Chandigarh-Baddi new line	328.14	699.07
2.	Nangaldam-Talwara New line	33.49	730.00

Chandigarh-Baddi new line work has been stalled following refusal by the State Govt. of Punjab and Chandigarh Administration to provide land for the work. Nangaldam-Talwara new line work remained frozen from 1991-92 to 1999-2000 following refusal by the State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh to provide land and wooden sleepers free of cost as per their initial commitment. This has resulted in increase in project cost. Prime Minister's Office has been requested to declare the project as a "National Project" with full funding from Ministry of Finance as an additionality for the balance portion of the project.