

funding by State Governments and other beneficiaries. To reduce delay on account of land availability, security issues, forestry clearances etc. meetings with State Government/Central Government Officials are held from time to time. Contract conditions have been modified to bring efficiency in contract management, and field units have been further empowered.

Implementation of projects on cost sharing basis

3074. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any mechanism has been evolved by the Ministry to implement projects on cost sharing basis with State Governments, especially with Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) For completion of ongoing new line, gauge conversion and doubling projects, State Governments are regularly being approached to share cost of construction of railway line and/or provide land free of cost for the projects passing through their respective States. As a result, various State Governments have come forward to share cost of 35 projects. Andhra Pradesh Government is sharing cost of 7 new lines and 1 doubling project.

Setting up of mega locomotive units

3075. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for Railways flip-flop attitude in setting up of mega locomotive units;

(b) the reasons that Railways changed its stand from PPP mode to execute on its own;

(c) whether any consultations have been held in this regard with Ministry of Finance, Planning Commission, etc.;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) the reasons that there is a deep division between Railway Board and others on this issue; and

(f) how the Ministry is planning to address the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) In terms of approval of Cabinet, in its meeting held on 18.2.2010, two locomotive mega projects *i.e.* 'Electric Locomotive Manufacturing Factory at Madhepura in Bihar' and 'Diesel Locomotive Factory at Marhowra in Bihar', are to be set up as Joint Venture, with private partner selected through international competitive bidding. At present, there is no plan to change mode of execution for these projects.

(c) and (d) Currently, the revised bid documents are under internal deliberation in the Ministry of Railways. Due consultation with the concerned Ministries will be carried, in terms of the extant procedure.

(e) and (f) The process of inter-Ministerial consultation is yet to begin. Hence, difference of opinion amongst Ministries does not arise.

Ongoing railway projects

3076. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work is in progress on 129 new railway lines, 45 gauge conversion and 166 doubling projects costing a total of ₹ 125000 crores; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise including South Central Railway (SCR) and the funds released and spent so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) As on 01.04.2012, there are 347 ongoing projects consisting of 132 New Line, 42 Gauge Conversion and 173 Doubling projects. Zone-wise break-up is given in Statement (*See* below). An expenditure of ₹ 60,791 Crores has been incurred on these projects upto March, 2012 and an outlay of ₹ 11,133 Crores has been made for these projects for the year 2012-13.

Statement

Zone-wise number of ongoing projects across the country as on 01.04.2012 is as under

Sl.No.	Railway Zone	New Line	Gauge Conversion	Doubling
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Central	3	0	7