

2012. The approval of the proposal by the PAB is subject to eligibility as per norms of the Scheme and the availability of funds.

World Class University in Odisha

3049. SHRIMATI RENUBALA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had intimated the Chief Minister of Odisha for establishment of a World Class University in the State in 2008-09;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) the reasons behind the delay in implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Odisha was addressed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development on 16.4.2008 to identify a suitable site for the proposed University. The Government of Odisha responded on 23.05.2008 offering land in the Talabasta and Gadjit RI Circle of Banki Tahasil. No such university has been established so far.

(c) On improving the concept of 'universities aiming at world class standards' the Central Government has introduced the 'Universities for Research and Innovation Bill' in Parliament on 21.5.2012. The Bill aims to provide for the establishment and incorporation of Universities for Research and Innovation. Setting up of these universities including the one proposed in Odisha is contingent upon passing of the legislation by Parliament.

Train connectivity for distant places of Chhattisgarh

†3050. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of possibilities for connecting distant places of Chhattisgarh explored in the past;
- (b) whether Government has a plan to provide train facility from Mahasamund to Pithora *via* Basna, Saraipali, Sambalpur to Visakhapatnam;
- (c) if so, by when the survey would be completed in this regard; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to provide train facility to Girodpuri Dham and if so, by when the survey would be completed?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Thirty three surveys for new lines to connect different places falling fully/partly in Chhattisgarh are in progress.

(b) and (c) Survey for new line between Mahasamund and Bargarh *via* Tumgaon, Patewa, Pithaura, Saraipali has been sanctioned in Railway Budget 2012-13. The survey is in progress. The survey will be completed in the year 2013-14.

(d) No such survey is under consideration.

National Railway Projects

3051. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Railway Projects sanctioned in the country, during last three years;

(b) the details of funds earmarked for these projects during the last three years, including current year;

(c) the details of funds spent/unspent thereon; and

(d) the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) The details of National Project sanctioned during the last three years, expenditure incurred and the funds allocated during the last three years and current year are as under:-

(₹ in Crores)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Outlay during the last three years and current year	Exp. upto March, 2012	Status
1.	Byrnihat-Shillong (108.40 km.) New Line included in Railway Budget 2010-11	90.00	1.50	Final Location Survey completed for 20 Km. Khasi Students Union stopped Final Location Survey. The State Government has been requested to resolve the issue.