

Extension and renovation of railway stations

†911. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway stations in Rajasthan where extension and renovation work is proposed to be carried out during 2012-13;

(b) whether it is a fact that railway line from Ajmer to Udaipur has been converted into broad gauge but railway platforms at many stations have not been constructed according to the broad gauge line; and

(c) if so, by when the said work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The following works are proposed to be carried out in Railway Stations in Rajasthan during 2012-13:—

- (i) Improvement to circulating area and extension of platform covering shed of platform no. 1 at Chittaurgarh railway station.
- (ii) Extension of platforms, platform shelter and Foot Over Bridge at Dhaulpur railway station.
- (iii) Extension and raising of platforms at four stations *viz.* Rupbas, Nadbai and Mandawar Mahwa Road railway stations.
- (iv) Extension and renovation works at Bikaner, Anupgarh, Lunkaransar, Sadulpur, Ratangarh, Churu and Kapasan railway stations.
- (v) Extension of passenger platform at Kota railway station.
- (vi) Raising of passenger platforms at Hindaun City, Ramganj Mandi, Indergarh, Dakaniya Talav, Chaumalaha Shri Mahabirji, Bharatpur, Atru, Fatehsingh Pura, Mandalgarh, Khandip, Malarana, Morak, Narayanpur Tatwara and Sailpura railway stations.
- (vii) Covering over platform at Morak, Ramganj Mandi, Bhawani Mandi, Chhabra Gugor, Lakheri, Salpura, Narayanpur Tatwara, Kapren, Dara, Dhuankheri, Kanwalpura, Keshoraipatan, Arnetha, Amli, Makholi, Malaran, Nimoda, Piloda, Fatehsinghpura, Keladevi, Bhonra, Indergarh, Chaumahala and Hinaun City railway stations.

(b) All platforms on this line have been constructed to adequately cater for the length of trains running on the section. Level of the platforms has been kept as per the category of station. However, the work of raising of the platform level from medium to high level has been taken up at Kapasan railway station.

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(c) The work of raising of the platform level from medium to high level at Kapasan railway station is likely to be completed by March'2013.

Encouraging profit making routes

912. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are encouraging profit making routes for further expansion and permanency of the routes with more frequency of trains; and

(b) if so, would the Coimbatore Rameshwaram Train *via* Karaikudi be made as permanent route and its frequency increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Introduction of new train services, extension and increase in frequency of existing train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways keeping in view traffic demand, availability of resources, commercial justification, operational feasibility etc.

(b) 06010/06009 Coimbatore-Rameshwaram-Coimbatore Weekly summer special train was run to clear extra rush of traffic. At present, it is not feasible to make Coimbatore-Rameshwaram Train *via* Karaikudi as a permanent train due to resource constraints. However, Special trains are run for clearance of extra passenger traffic during peak seasons, festivals, special events, keeping in view the pattern of traffic, commercial justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.

Development of Jajpur Keonjhar Road railway station

913. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for development of Jajpur Keonjhar Road railway station from 2008-09 to 2011-12;

(b) the total amount of funds spent in this regard;

(c) whether Jajpur Keonjhar Road to Manapur railway connection and Manapur railway flyover bridge have already been sanctioned; and

(d) if so, by when the work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Works of Improvement to Circulating area, illumination level, signage facility, extension of platforms to accommodate 24/26 coaches and raising of platform from low/rail to high level, renovation of waiting hall and retiring room, extension of Platform shelter, quick entry and exit, drinking water arrangements, provision of high mast lighting and booking offices, improvement to facade of the station building, renovated Pay and Use Toilet, Deluxe room on Platform-1, Over