

**Railway tracks in North-east, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand**

1528. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of railway tracks in North-East, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand; and

(b) the proposals for laying new railway tracks in these regions alongwith their details, plan outlay and time-frame so fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) 2450.95 km of Railway Network in North East Region, 296.26 km in Himachal Pradesh and 344.91 km in Uttarakhand exist as on 01.04.2011 (As per latest compilation available).

Details of new line projects in progress in North East (NE) Region, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand alongwith their length, total cost and outlay during the current year are as under:

(Rs. in Crores)					
Sl. No.	State	No. of projects	Length of ongoing projects	Total cost of ongoing projects	Outlay in 12-13 for ongoing projects
1.	Assam and NE Region	13	965.04	22575.88	1490.00
2.	Himachal Pradesh	3	180.07	4025.13	26.00
3.	Uttarakhand	4	210.24	4871.12	55.50

During the year 2012-13, 115.75 km. of new lines are targeted for completion in N.E. Region.

These projects will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

**Introduction of fast moving trains**

1529. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: