

(a) the present status of the doubling of Sambalpur-Talcher, Delang-Puri, Cuttack-Baranga, Bansapani-Tomka-Daitari and Jharsuguda-Rengali railway lines in Odisha which are of public importance; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by Government to complete these projects on urgent footing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The status of various doubling projects in Orissa are as under:

(Rs. in crores)					
Name of doubling Project	Latest anticipated cost	Exp. upto Mar, 2012	Outlay 2012-13	Progress	Target date of completion
Sambalpur-Talcher (174 km)	679.27	0	40	0%	March, 2013 (Angul-Kerejang section)
Delang-Puri (29 km)	170	0.48	40	0%	December, 2014
Cuttack-Barang doubling (14 km)	200	154.21	25	76%	April, 2013
Bansapani-Daitari-Tomka-Jakhapura doubling (180 km)	942.45	42.35	100	4.5%	Not fixed.
Jharsuguda-Rengali (26 km)	213.13	153.82	25	73%	December, 2012

All these projects are progressing as per availability of resources.

Proposals from Government of Odisha

1540. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposals from Government of Odisha for sanction of railway links including missing links Nuapada-Gunupur BG Rail-link to Thiruveli, Badampahar to Keonjhar and Rupsa-Burhamara to Chakulia to expedite the mineral and industrial development of the State; and

(b) if so, when were these proposals received and what action has been taken in respect of each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Details of each and every demand for railway projects received at various levels is not centrally maintained. Naupada-Gunupur gauge conversion work has been completed and survey for its extension upto Thiruvveli has been taken up. Badampahar-Keonjhar new line survey has been completed and as per the survey report, the cost of construction of this 80 Km long line has been assessed as Rs. 619 crores. State Government of Orissa has been requested to provide land free of cost and share 50% of the construction cost of the project. Buramara-Chakulia new line has been taken up as a part of Rupsa-Bangriposi gauge conversion project and is being executed through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.

Hostels for wards of railway employees

1541. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of hostels commissioned, so far, for the children of railway employees in the country;
- (b) whether these hostels are sufficient to meet the requirement;
- (c) if not, whether Government proposes to construct more hostels for the wards of railway employees; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Indian Railways run 24 subsidized hostels for wards of railway employees.

(b) to (d) As per policy, hostels are set up for wards of Railway employees at centers of education. Proposals exist for expansion of hostel capacity at Pune and for new hostels at Lucknow, Tiruchchirappali, Coimbatore, Indore, Vadodara and Nagpur.

Black marketing of tatkal tickets

1542. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be please to state: