

**Doubling of railway lines**

1674. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets for doubling of railway lines during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the revised targets for doubling of railway lines during these years;
- (c) the actual doubling of railway lines done in each of these years; and
- (d) the reasons for huge difference between the targets set and actual doubling of railway lines achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Targets set, targets revised and achievement made in respect of doubling of railway lines during the last three years *i.e.* 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 is tabulated below:

Year	Target announced in Budget (in Km)	Targets (Revised) (in Km)	Achievement (in Km)
2009-10	700	320	448
2010-11	700	767	769
2011-12	867	750	752

(d) All efforts are made to complete targeted projects. However, paucity of funds and operational constraint of running high level of traffic on existing line requires utmost caution during execution and sometimes delays execution of doubling projects.

**Survey for railway line connecting NE Karnataka to Bengaluru**

1675. SHRI M. RAMA JOIS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has a plan to conduct survey of Gulbarga-Jewargi-Sindhanur-Shahapur railway line for the benefit of North-East (NE) Karnataka people to connect to the capital city of Bengaluru;
- (b) if not, whether such a plan is going to be prepared; and