

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

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) No such survey has been sanctioned.

(b) and (c) In view of constraint of resources, there is no such proposal under consideration.

Introducing Duronto express trains

1676. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the Ministry would consider the proposal for introduction of Duronto Express trains between Puri-Mumbai, Puri-Jaipur/Jodhpur, Bhubaneswar-Pune, Bhubaneswar-Bengaluru and Bhubaneswar-Surat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): No, Sir. At present, there is no proposal to introduce Duronto Express trains between Puri-Mumbai, Puri-Jaipur/Jodhpur, Bhubaneswar-Pune, Bhubaneswar-Bangalore and Bhubaneswar-Surat.

Railway works in NER

1677. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of implementation of the proposal of construction of double railways line between New Jalpaiguri, Guwahati and Dibrugarh including the date of completion; and

(b) the details of the implementation of proposal of electrification work of Railways in the North-Eastern Region (NER) along with the date of completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Double line already exists between Samuktala Road (near New Alipurduar) and New Bongaigaon. Further, between New Jalpaiguri-Samuktala Road and New Bongaigaon-Guwahati, there are two separate Broad Gauge lines. The work of doubling between Guwahati and Dibrugarh has been taken up in a phased manner. New Guwahati-Digarua patch doubling (29.81 km) has already been completed and Lumding-Hojai (45 km) has also been taken up in 2012-13 as part of Guwahati-Dibrugarh doubling. Moreover, Rangiya-Murkongselek gauge