

(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 Durgam 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 Durgam 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 Durgam 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