

Introduction of trains

2919. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the Ministry would consider introduction of Superfast Express train from Visakhapatnam to Allahabad *via* Titlagarh, Express train from Keonjhar to Howrah, Superfast Express between Rourkela to New Delhi, Second Intercity Train between Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, Intercity Express between Puri and Tatanagar *via* Keonjhar and Bhubaneswar/Puri-Manmad (Shirdi) Express Train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): To cater to the needs of passengers of Puri-Shirdi sector, a weekly service between Puri and Sai Nagar Shirdi has been announced in Railway Budget 2013-14.

However, at present, there is no proposal to introduce direct train services between Visakhapatnam-Allahabad, Jajpur Keonjhar Road-Howrah, Rourkela-New Delhi, Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, Puri-Tatanagar and Bhubaneswar-Manmad.

Railway projects in Kerala

2920. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals for laying new lines/gauge conversion/upgradation of stations/construction of over or under-bridges received from the Government of Kerala during the last three years and till date;

(b) the present status of the action taken thereon by Railways;

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved and implemented;

(d) the details and the present status of ongoing/pending railway projects in Kerala indicating the time since when these are pending;

(e) the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by Railways to expedite the completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY) : (a) to (c) Details are as under:

- I** Based on the available information, details of proposals received from the Government of Kerala for new lines and gauge conversion of lines falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala and action taken thereon are as under:-

Sl. No.	Proposal	Action Taken
	New Line	
1.	Idapalli-Guruvayur	Survey taken up.
2.	Nilambur Road-Nanjangud	Survey taken up.
3.	Thalasserry-Mysore	Survey taken up.
4.	Kollengode-Thrissur	Survey taken up.
5.	Kanhangad-Panathur-Kaniyuru	Kanhangad-Panathur new line proposal was submitted to Planning Commission for their "In Principle" approval. However, Planning Commission returned the proposal in original. Survey for Panathur-Kaniyuru taken up.
6.	Sabarimala-Chenganur	Sabarimala-Chenganur new line proposal was submitted to Planning Commission for their "In Principle" approval. However, Planning Commission returned the proposal in original.
7.	Angadipuram-Kozhikode	Survey completed and examination of the survey report taken up.
8.	Extension of Angamali-Sabarimala new line upto Punalur	On the suggested alignment area, survey for Erumeli-Punalur-Trivandrum new line has been taken up.
9.	Rail connectivity to Vizhinjam International Seaport	Survey taken up.
10.	Rail connectivity to Kannur International Airport	Survey completed and examination of the survey report taken up.

II. Details of Road Over and Under Bridges are as under:

Number of complete proposals for construction of Road Over or Under Bridges in lieu of Level Crossings (LCs) on cost sharing basis received from the State Government of Kerala and included in Railway Works Programme 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 are as under:

Year	Proposals received	Sanctioned
2011-12	Nil	Nil
2012-13	10	10
2013-14	22	15

Out of 22 proposals received from State Government of Kerala for their inclusion in Railways Works Programme 2013-14, 7 proposals could not be included as:

- one proposal for ROB in lieu of LC No. 257 has already been sanctioned in 2006-07.
- six proposals were for construction of ROB in lieu of the level crossings which were constructed on Deposit Terms, hence could not be sanctioned on cost sharing basis.

III. Details of works on upgradation of stations is as under:

65 stations have so far been identified for development under the 'Adarsh' Station Scheme in the State of Kerala and this includes stations recommended for upgradation by State Government of Kerala also. Against these, 41 stations have already been developed. Remaining stations are planned to completion during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 subject to availability of funds.

Ernakulam, Kozhikode(Calicut) and Thiruvananthapuram stations are identified for development as World Class Station in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Consultancy contract for preparation of detailed project report and Master Plan in this regard, has been recently awarded.

(d) to (f) Details are as under:

- I. Details of ongoing projects falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala are given as under:

(Rupees in crore)						
Sl. No.	Project	Year of inclusion in the Budget	Anticipated Cost	Expenditure upto March, 2012	Outlay 2012-13	Status and target date for completion, wherever fixed
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Line						
1.	Tirunavaya-Guruvayur (35 km)	1995-96	227.4	34.14	10	Local people are objecting to the alignment being fixed for this new line. Final location survey held up due to public protest.
2.	Angamali-Sabarimala (116 km)	1997-98	1565.99	96.96	15	Angamali-Kaladi (7 Km) is targeted for completion by 31.3.2013. Required land for balance portion is yet to be taken over.
Gauge Conversion						
1.	Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur & Tenkasi-Virudhunagar (357 Km)	1997-98	1029.92	731.78	52	On this project, 308 Km has already been commissioned. On balance portion i.e Sengottai-Punalur (49 Km), Punalur-Edaman (9 Km) & Sengottai-Bhagvatipuram (7 Km) are targeted for completion by 31.3.2013.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	Dindigul-Pollachi-Palghat and Pollachi-Coimbatore (224.88 Km)	2006-07	903.98	502.08	70	Work on Podanur-Coimbatore (6 Km) and Dindigul-Palani-Pollachi-Muthalamada (147 Km) completed. Work on Pollachi-Kinattukkadavu (21 Km) is targeted for completion by 31.3.2013 and balance portion during 2013-14.
	Doubling					
1.	Mulanturutti-Kuruppantara (24 km)	2005-06	185.77	80.3	32	Bridge works have been taken up.
2.	Kuruppantara-Chingavanam (26.54 km)	2007-08	346.15	5.59	25	State Government is yet to hand over required land.
3.	Chengannur-Chingavanam (26.5 km)	2006-07	222.95	57.82	32	Earthwork and bridge works have been taken up on sections where land is available.
4.	Ambalapuzha-Haripad (18.13 Km)	2007-08	125.25	20.1	15	Tenders for earthwork and bridge works have been processed.
5.	Emakulam-Kumbalam (7.71 Km)	2010-11	71.32	1.14	20	Land requirements submitted to the State Government.
6.	Kumbalam-Thuravur (15.59 Km)	2011-12	137.35	0.32	18	Preparation of estimate has been taken up.

260 Written Answers to

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Unstarred Questions

The targets for completion of projects are generally fixed every year based upon the progress of the projects, their relative priority and availability of resources.

Regular meetings are being held with the concerned Ministers and Authorities of the State of Kerala to sort out issues regarding land acquisition, permission for earth quarrying and maintenance of law & order during execution of projects.

II. Details of Road Over and Under bridges are as under:

At present, works of construction of 80 Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and 57 Road Under Bridges (RUBs)/subways are appearing in Pink Book 2013-14. Work of construction of 15 ROBs/RUBs could not be commenced due to non-acquisition of land by State Government of Kerala. Railway is constantly requesting State Government of Kerala to expedite land acquisition so that these 15 works can be commenced.

Development/upgradation of congested railway stations

2921. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted that many railway stations in the country, including in Kerala, are heavily congested leading to chaotic passenger traffic situation;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of such stations;

(c) whether Railways propose to upgrade/redevelop such stations;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government proposes to use the railway owned land adjacent to railway stations for the purpose;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps taken by Government to reduce congestion at the railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Railway stations are identified and classified on the basis of passenger earnings as 'A-I, 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E' and 'F'