

Double decker trains

‡1677. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the railways routes where double decker trains are being run in the country at present;

(b) whether Government is also contemplating to connect Lucknow, Kanpur, Allahabad, Jhansi and Khajuraho with Delhi by double decker trains in future;

(c) whether Government intends to replace even passenger trains with double decker trains in view of increasing number of passengers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) At present, four Double Decker trains running on Indian Railways network are as under:

- (i) 12385/12386 Howrah-Dhanbad AC Double Decker Express via Barddhaman and Asansol.
- (ii) 12985/12986 Jaipur-Delhi AC Double Decker Express *via* Alwar and Gurgaon.
- (iii) 12931/12932 Ahmedabad-Mumbai AC Double Decker Express *via* Surat and Anand.
- (iv) 22625/22626 Chennai-Bangalore AC Double Decker Express *via* Katpadi and Bangarapet Jn.

(b) Introduction of new train services including Double Decker train is an on-going process, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc. However, at present, linking of Lucknow, Kanpur, Allahabad, Jhansi and Khajuraho with Delhi by Double Decker train is not being contemplated due to operational and resource constraints.

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- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

Railway proposals from Tamil Nadu

1678. SHRI A.A. JINNAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of proposals for railway projects received from Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of action taken thereon by Railways; and
- (c) the present status of work on the approved proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Based on the demands received for the proposals falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu, surveys have been taken up in the Budget 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 and their details is given as under:

Sl. No.	Proposal	Year	Anticipated Cost (Rs. in crore)	Status
1	2	3	4	5
New Line				
1.	Madurai-Tuticorin (144 Km)	2010-11	601	Project included in the Budget 2011-12.
2.	Jolarpettai-Hosur <i>via</i> Krishnagiri (101 Km)	2010-11	688	Survey completed and proposal was processed for requisite clearances which however, are not received.