

(c) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that there has been an increase of Rs.1571.38 crore in the earnings from freight traffic during the 1st quarter of 2013-14 as compared to the freight earnings realized during the same period of last year (2012-13).

(d) Zonal Railway-wise freight earnings during the 1st quarter *i.e.* April'13 to June'13 as compare to the same period of last year is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Zone	Freight earning		
	2012-13 (1st Quarter)	2013-14 (1st Quarter)	Increase/Decrease Col. (2-1)
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Central	1339.59	1446.20	106.61
Eastern	768.31	734.57	-33.74
East Central	1559.77	1702.57	142.80
East Coast	2312.09	2709.68	397.59
Northern	1570.76	1680.10	109.34
North Central	1883.65	1981.23	97.58
North Eastern	348.44	339.09	-9.35
Northeast Frontier	390.00	367.60	-22.40
North Western	762.22	869.35	107.13
Southern	645.62	712.31	66.69
South Central	2102.33	2191.65	89.32
South Eastern	2002.76	2135.13	132.37
South East Central	1860.59	2070.18	209.59
South Western	593.86	544.23	-49.63
Western	1574.90	1681.54	106.64
West Central	1305.79	1426.63	120.84
Metro	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	21020.68	22592.06	1571.38

Railway line projects

2280. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of railway tracks already laid along with the ones that have been proposed, State-wise; and

(b) the status of gauge conversion on Lumding-Silchar and Rangia-Murkongselek as proposed in the Railway Budget 2013-14?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) As on 31.03.2011, 64459.9 Route Km of railway line exists across the country over Indian Railways. State-wise break-up of existing railway network (as on 31.03.2011) is given in Statement (*See* below). 500 Km of new lines have been targeted for completion during 2013-14.

(b) Lumding-Silchar including branch lines (482.73 Km) gauge conversion & Rangia-Murkongselek (510.33 Km) gauge conversion projects have been declared as National Projects and funds for these projects is provided by Ministry of Finance over and above the Gross Budgetary Support provided to the Railways. Rangia-Rangpara North (124 Km) & Rangpara North-North Lakhimpur (172 Km) sections of Rangia-Murkongselek project have been completed & remaining portion is targeted for completion in 2014-15. Lumding-Silchar project is also in advance stage of execution and planned for completed by December, 2015 subject to availability of resources.

Statement*Breakup of existing railway network*

(a) *Break-up of existing railway network (as on 31.03.2011)
across the Indian Railway is as under:*

Sl. No.	State	Length (in Route Km.)
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	5264.15
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1.26
3	Assam	2433.99

1	2	3
4	Bihar	3612.02
5	Chhattisgarh	1187.47
6	Delhi	183.23
7	Goa	69.31
8	Gujarat	5270.89
9	Haryana	1540.14
10	Himachal Pradesh	296.26
11	Jammu and Kashmir	255.67
12	Jharkhand	1984.27
13	Karnataka	3076.24
14	Kerala	1049.74
15	Madhya Pradesh	4954.48
16	Maharashtra	5601.62
17	Manipur	1.35
18	Meghalaya	0.00
19	Mizoram	1.50
20	Nagaland	12.85
21	Orissa	2461.05
22	Punjab	2133.89
23	Rajasthan	5784.16
24	Sikkim	0.00
25	Tamil Nadu	4062.06
26	Tripura	151.40

1	2	3
27	Uttar Pradesh	8762.30
28	Uttarakhand	344.91
29	West Bengal	3936.89
	TOTAL	64459.9

Elimination of unmanned level crossings

2281. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hon'ble Minister for Railways has announced in the Budget Speech for elimination of all unmanned level crossings in the country;

(b) if so, the number of unmanned level crossings eliminated so far in the country, particularly in Karnataka;

(c) whether Government has fixed any time-frame to eliminate all unmanned level crossings in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) The Hon'ble Minister for Railways has mentioned in his Budget Speech 2013-14 that 10,797 level crossings will be eliminated during the 12th Plan.

(b) In the last five year from 2007-08 to 2012-13, Indian Railway have eliminated 5400 unmanned level crossings (3090 by closure, merger & subways and 2310 by manning). During year 2013-14 (upto July'2013), 313 nos. unmanned level crossings (UMLCs) have been eliminated out of which 16 UMLCs have been eliminated in Karnataka.

(c) and (d) It has emerged from the study of pattern of accidents that **manning of unmanned level Crossings is not an ideal solution.** Therefore, the policy of manning of unmanned level crossings has been reviewed and Ministry of Railways have decided to progressively eliminate all unmanned level crossings by: