

- (c) the technology to be used and its suitability for the Indian terrain and its affordability;
- (d) the per cent of work done and likely date of completion of the Project; and
- (e) the details of team working on the Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Ministry of Railways has initiated a joint feasibility study with the Government of Japan on Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed corridor. The study has started in December, 2013 and will take 18 months for completion.

(b) to (e) Infrastructure requirement, technology to be used, percentage of work done and details of team working are not finalized as no high speed train project is sanctioned at present.

New railway line projects in Maharashtra

3064. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

- (a) the present status of new railway line projects sanctioned during the last three years in Maharashtra along with the reasons for delay in completion thereof;
- (b) the details of financial implications assessed for these projects along with the details of financing module worked out and the funds allocated/spent thereon, so far, project-wise; and
- (c) the broad time-frame set for completion of all these projects along with the steps taken/being taken by Railways in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Railway projects are not sanctioned State-wise. However, one project of New Line falling partly/fully in Maharashtra included in Budget during last three years *i.e.* Wadsa-Gadchiroli (49.5 km.) New Line project in 2011-12 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 232.4 crore. An expenditure of Rs. 0.03 crore was incurred upto March, 2013 and an outlay of Rs. 1.00 crore was provided during 2013-14. This project is being executed in equal cost sharing with Government of Maharashtra. Final Location Survey taken up. Target for completion of the work has yet not been decided.

Financial crisis faced by Railways

3065. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways are facing financial crisis in completing many projects on time, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the earnings and spendings of Railways during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Railways for early completion of sanctioned railway projects in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Projects are getting delayed due to funds constraint, which is one of the major impediment for timely execution of ongoing projects. As on 01.04.2013, there are 368 ongoing railway projects of New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling having a throw forward of Rs. 1,78,216 crore with limited availability of resources, as an outlay of only Rs. 11,250 crore has been provided during 2013-14. Therefore, projects are progressing as per availability of resources. Targets are fixed every year depending upon availability of resources and progress of individual projects. To expedite completion of projects, a number of initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources through non-budgetary measures like funding by State Governments and other beneficiaries, execution of projects through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited on Special Purpose Vehicle basis, raising of funds through market borrowing etc. To reduce delays on account of land acquisition, security issues and forestry clearances etc., meetings with State Officials at various levels are held from time-to-time. Field units have been empowered with further delegation of powers and the contract conditions have been modified to bring efficiency in contract management.

The earning and expenditures by Indian Railway during the last three years is as under:—

Particulars	(Figures in Rs. crore)			
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (Upto Jan.'14 approx.)
Total Earnings of Indian Railway	94525.46	104153.55	123901.01	111518.88
Ordinary Working Expenses	68139.22	74537.41	84012.04	84271.49
Works Expenditure	40792.74	45061.02	50383.45	43798.07

Proposal from Government of Karnataka

3066. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have received any proposal from Government of Karnataka for formation of Bangalore Suburban Rail Corporation for commencing Local/Suburban Trains from Bangalore to Tumkur, Chikballapur, Ramnagaram, Bangarpet, Doddballapur, Nelamangala and Anekal; and