

at different locations including Trivandrum (Kerala) were announced to be set up attached to existing Railway Hospitals on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. As per Medical Council of India (MCI) norms 300 bedded hospital and 20 acres of vacant land is required at the time of applying for permission to set up a Medical College with 100 seats. With these two laid down criteria fulfilled by the Railway the private partner was to be engaged for setting up of these Colleges. Trivandrum does not have a 300 bedded Railway hospital and 20 acres of vacant Railway land. To begin with, five locations *viz.* Chennai, Secunderabad, Guwahati, Lucknow and Kharagpur where Medical Council of India norms with respect to hospital's bed strength, land etc., are more or less being met, have been identified under Phase-I. M/s RITES has been awarded with the work of consultancy for these five locations. Other locations including Trivandrum (Kerala) shall be considered based on the experience of Phase-I locations.

In the Railway Budget 2010-11, six Packaged Drinking Water (PDW) bottling plants at Mal, Nasik, Farakka, Amethi, Ambala and Trivandrum (Parassala) have been planned to be set up on PPP basis, the work for which has already been initiated by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). Tenders for Parassala (near Trivandrum) Kerala, have been floated. The tentative time proposed for operation of the plant at Parassala is December, 2014.

Railways are in the process of setting up of mechanized laundries for bringing upon improvement in the quality of washing of linen being supplied to the passengers of Air-conditioned coaches. In Kerala, presently, Ernakulam and Kochuveli have been identified as locations for setting up of mechanized laundry.

Pending railway projects in Maharashtra

3069. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects, *viz.* new railway lines, gauge conversion, doubling and electrification under construction in Maharashtra;

(b) how many of these have completed their targeted date and are pending for more than ten years; and

(c) whether any plan has been chalked out to complete these projects on priority basis, especially those located in the backward region of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Railway projects are not sanctioned State-wise. However, the details of railway projects, *viz.* new railway lines, gauge conversion, doubling and electrification under construction falling partly/fully in Maharashtra are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the project (length)	Year of sanction	Anticipated cost 2013-14	Expenditure as on 31.03.2013	Outlay 2013-14	Status alongwith target, wherever fixed
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

New Line

1.	Ahmednagar-Beed-Parle Vaijnath (250 km.)	1995-96	2820	110.05	50.00	Ahmednagar Narayandoh (15 km.): Track linking completed. Beyond Narayandoh, earthwork and bridge work taken up. Overall physical progress: 5%.
2.	Baramati-Lonand (54 km.)	1998-99	138.48	120.67	2.00	Lonand-Phaltan completed. Final Location Survey taken up for Baramati-Phaltan.
3.	Wardha-Nanded (via Yavatmal-Pusad) (270 km.)	2008-09	1604.94	11.36	15.00	In Phase-I, work taken up in Wardha-Yavatmal section. Overall physical progress: 10%
4.	Wadsa-Gadchiroli (49.5 km.)	2011-12	232.4	0.03	1.00	Final Location Survey taken up. Detailed estimate prepared.

Gauge Conversion

5.	Jabalpur-Gondia including Balaghat Katangi (285 km.)	1996-97	1038.00	650.42	70.00	Balaghat-Katangi (46.80 km.) and Gondia-Balaghat (42 km.): completed and commissioned. Earthwork and bridges taken up in remaining sections. Balaghat-Nainpur-Jabalpur held up for want of forestry clearance. Overall progress: 66%
6.	Chhindwara-Nagpur (149.52 km.)	2005-06	585.93	277.51	200.00	Chhindwara-Sausar (70 km.) : Planned for completion by March, 2014. Overall physical progress: 63%
7.	Ratlam-Mhow-Khandwa-Akola (472.64 km.)	2008-09	1421.25	195.04	119.83	Ratlam-Fatehabad (80 km.): Section completed in 2012-13. Fatehabad-Indore (40 km.): Earthwork, minor bridges, major bridges taken up and section targeted for completion by March, 2014. Forestry clearance awaited for Akola-Khandwa section. Fatehabad-Indore: March, 2014.
8.	Nagpur-Nagbhir (106 km.)	2013-14	401	0	0.50	Work included in 2013-14 and shall commence after getting In Principle

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						approval of Planning Commission and approval of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.
	Doubling					
9.	Panvel-Pen (35 km.)	2006-07	190.99	185.41	15.00	Project targeted for completion in 2013-14. Overall physical progress: 78%
10.	Kalumna-Nagpur (6.16 km.)	2007-08	24.78	18.47	3.00	Work held up due to encroachments. Overall physical progress: 75%.
11.	Pen-Roha (40 km.)	2007-08	203.00	143.7	30.00	Project targeted for completion in 2013-14. Overall progress: 69%.
12.	Daund-Gulbarga Doubling (224.90 km.) and Pune-Guntakal Electrification (641.37 km.)	2009-10	1514.45	58.06	0.00	Works on bridges, earthwork and blanketing started. Overall physical progress: 18%
13.	Budhni-Barkhera-3rd line (33 km.)	2010-11	287.35	0.22	10.00	Final Location Survey taken up.
14.	Godhani-Kalumna Chord (13.7 km.)	2010-11	59.13	8.76	10.00	Final Location Survey and soil investigation completed. Earthwork

						and bridges taken up. Overall progress: 25%.
15.	Kalyan-Kasara 3rd line (67.62 km.)	2011-12	279.7	1.64	7.00	Final Location Survey taken up.
16.	Wardha (Sewagram)-Nagpur 3rd line (76.3 km.)	2012-13	297.85	0.5	10.00	Final Location Survey taken up.
Electrification						
17.	Gondia-Balarshah (250 km.)	2010-11	203.88	31.45	46.00	Work taken up.
18.	Daund-Manmad Puntamba-Shirdi (255 km.)	2010-11	318.00	291.15	16.85	Work at advanced stage of completion.
19.	Amla-Chhindwara-Kalumna (257 km.)	2012-13	222.65	15.00	15.00	Work taken up.

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(b) Targets for projects are decided annually depending upon progress of work, availability of land, other statutory approvals and resources. However, two new line and one gauge conversion projects are pending for more than ten years.

(c) For early completion of projects, steps have been taken to generate extra budgetary resources through State participation, Public Private Partnership and investment in bankable projects through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL).

Funds for new railway line projects

3070. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has planned to allocate fund of ₹ 6100 crore for new railway line projects in 2013-14;

(b) whether it is also a fact that out of the total allocation of fund, ₹ 2200 crore have been allotted for national projects in Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern (NE) States; and

(c) if so, how much amount is earmarked to NE States, particularly for Assam and for which projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) A gross allotment of ₹ 7479 crore has been made for New Lines etc. for the year 2013-14 in the Revised Estimates. This includes ₹ 1738 crore towards land acquisition for Dedicated Freight Corridor.

(b) and (c) An amount of ₹ 3757 crore has been allocated for 'National Projects', which includes projects under the planheads New Lines (Construction) and Gauge Conversion. For the 'National Projects' in Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern Region, funds for 2013-14 have been earmarked as per the following:—

(₹ in crore)

S1. No.	Name of the project	Outlay earmarked for 2013-14
1	2	3
New Lines (Construction):		
1.	Kumarghat-Agartala	5.00
2.	Jiribam-Imphal (Tupul)	703.90
3.	Teteliya-Byrnihat	50.00