

Rishikesh-Karnaprayag railway track

†3095. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the laying of Rishikesh-Karnaprayag railway track along with the details of the length of the railway line which has been laid, till date;
- (b) by when the laying of Rishikesh- Karnaprayag railway track is likely to be completed for starting the operation of trains on this route;
- (c) whether the laying of the said railway track is slowing down due to paucity of funds; and
- (d) if not, the details of the funds allocated for this purpose from the date of sanctioning of work, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (d) Route selection of alignment of Rishikesh-Karnaprayag new line has been completed. Geological mapping work and Final Location Survey Work have been taken up before actual construction work. At present, no target has been fixed for completion of the construction of this new line. Since only survey work is going on at present; the work has not slowed down due to paucity of work. An amount of Rs. 6.61 crore has been spent on it by the end of the year 2012-13. An outlay of Rs. 5.0 crore has been provided to it during the current year.

New railway lines in Uttarakhand

†3096. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the railway routes which are currently earning comparatively lower income along with the names thereof;
- (b) whether railway tracks are laid in the country only if they are profitable;
- (c) if not, the reasons for not giving approval to the construction of new railway lines in Uttarakhand; and
- (d) by when funds would be allocated for construction of Tanakpur-Ghat-Bageshwar railway line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) During the year 2012-13, 90 Uneconomic Branch

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Lines were in operation over Indian Railways. Zone-wise details of these lines are given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) Railway tracks are usually laid on consideration of profitability but in certain cases the decision is also based on socio-economic and strategic considerations.

(c) During the years 2010-11 to 2012-13 three projects falling partly/fully in Uttarakhand have been sanctioned namely, Rishikesh-Karnaprayag (New line), Lucknow-Pilibhit *via* Sitapur, Lakhimpur (Gauge conversion) and Haridwar-Laksar (Doubling).

(d) Survey for construction of Tanakpur-Bageshwar new railway line has been completed. As the project has not been sanctioned, no funds have been allocated.

Statement

*Details of losses incurred in operation of Uneconomic Branch Lines
during the year 2012-13 (provisional)*

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch Lines	Losses incurred (Rs. in thousands)
1	2	3
Central Railway		
1.	Neral-Matheran (NG-21 Kms)	129983
2.	Pachora-Jamner (NG-56 Kms)	66128
TOTAL		196111
Eastern Railway		
3.	Kalyani-Kalyani Simanta (BG-4 Kms)	15192
4.	Bhagalpur-Mandar Hill (BG-50 Kms)	53652
5.	Bardhaman-Katwa (NG-53 Kms)	55926
6.	Sonarour-Canning (BG-29 Kms)	40275
7.	Shantipur-Nabadwipghat (NG-27.5 Kms)	15690
TOTAL		180735

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East Central Railway		
8.	Narkatiagang-Bhikhnatori (MG-47 Km)	38832
9.	Dildar Nagar-Tarighat (BG-19 Km)	23008
10.	Jhanjharpur-Laukha Bazar (MG-43 Kms)	20597
11.	Fatuha-Ishlampur (BG-43 Kms)	58275
12.	Patna-Digha (BG-9 Kms)	24229
13.	Banmankhi-Bihariganj (MG-27 Kms)	22007
14.	Bhaktiyarpur-Rajgir (BG-54 Kms)	96646
TOTAL		283594
East Coast Railway		
15.	Bobbili-Salur (BG-18 kms.)	16387
16.	Naupada-Parlakhimundi-Gunupur (BG-91 Kms)	238513
TOTAL		254900
Northern Railway		
17.	Jullunder-Hoshiarpur (BG-38.22 Kms)	154891
18.	Amritsar-Attari (BG-25.21 Kms)	89112
19.	Phagwara-Nawashahar-Doaba (BG-35.8 Kms)	144676
20.	Batla-Quadian (BG-19.44 Kms)	42646
21.	Verka-Derababa-Nanak (BG-43 Kms)	149821
22.	Amritsar-Khemkaran (BG-77.27 Kms)	241814
23.	Pathankot-Madhopur (BG-15.23 Kms)	149923
24.	Pathankot-Joginder Nagar (NG-165.92 Kms)	187805
25.	Ambala-Kalka (BG-69.97 Kms)	526816
26.	Kalka-Shimla (NG-96.54 Kms)	443016

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27.	Rohtak-Gohana (BG-31.88 Kms)	62474
28.	Garhi Harsaru-Farukhnagar (MG-11.27 Kms)	23174
29.	Daryapur-Dalmau (BG-24.78 Kms)	45451
30.	Raja Ka Sahaspur-Sambhal Hatim Sarai (BG-19 Kms)	6558
TOTAL		2268177
North Central Railway		
31.	Dhaulpur-Tantpur-Sirmutra (NG-88.91 Kms)	33905
32.	Gwalior-Sheopur Kalan (NG-199.8 Kms)	77269
33.	Mathura-Baridrawan (MG-12.48 Kms)	6393
TOTAL		117567
North Eastern Railway		
34.	Salempur-Barhaj Bazar (BG-31 Kms)	24928
35.	Indara-Dohrighat (MG-35 Kms)	33946
36.	Anand Nagar-Nautanwe (BG-41 Kms)	247044
37.	Mandhana-Brahmvart (MG-8 Kms)	1414
38.	Kashipur-Ramnagar (BG-27 Kms)	116921
TOTAL		424253
N.E. Railway		
39.	New Jalpaiguri-Darjeeling (NG-89 Kms)	684181
40.	Katihar-Maniharighat (MG-36 Kms)	404756
41.	Katihar-Jogbani (BG-108 Kms)	935753
42.	Singabad-Old Malda (BG-24 Kms)	382656
43.	Barsoi-Radhikapur (BG-53 Kms)	525927

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44.	Alipurduar-Bamanhat (BG-71 Kms)	78799
45.	Tezpur-Rangapara North (MG-27 Kms)	69746
46.	Fakiragram-Dhubri (MG-65 Kms)	73366
47.	Karimganj-Mahishashan (MG-10 Kms)	28452
48.	Baoigram-Dulloxcher (MG-28.25 Kms)	69408
49.	Katakhal-Laalbazar (MG-36 Kms)	6645
50.	Chaparmakh-Moribari (BG-70 Kms)	18286
51.	Ekiakhhi-Balurghat (BG-87 Kms)	627411
52.	Makum-Dangari (BG-30 Kms)	15380
TOTAL		3920766
North Western Railway		
53.	Mavil Junction-Bari Sadri (MG-82 Kms)	191995
54.	Ratan Garh-Sardar Shara (MG-43.13 Kms)	23689
55.	Pipar Road-Bilalra (BG-41 Kms)	18151
56.	Merta Road Junction-Merta City (BG-14.5 Kms)	12158
TOTAL		245993
Southern Railway		
57.	Shoranur-Nilambur (BG-66 Kms)	41899
58.	Villupuram-Puducherry (BG-38 Kms)	46948
59.	Mettupalayam-Udhagamandalam (NG-46 Kms)	223170
60.	Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur (BG-62 Kms)	48055
61.	Triuvarur-Nagore (BG-670233 Kms)	37803
62.	Manamdurai-Rameswararam (BG-113 Kms)	238422
TOTAL		636297

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South Eastern Railway		
63.	Santragachi-Baragachia-Amta (BG-52 Kms)	221933
64.	Tamluk-Digha (BG-89.3 Kms)	495785
65.	Rupsa-Bangriposi (BG-88.7 Kms)	28759
66.	Ranchi-Lohardanga (BG-67.233 Kms)	68476
67.	Rourkela-Birmitrapur (BG-27.04 Kms)	45524
TOTAL		860477
S.E.C. Railway		
68.	Raipur-Dhmtari (88.6 Kms)	836002
69.	Satpura Railway (NG-715 Kms)	3188391
TOTAL		4024393
S.W. Railway		
70.	Yelahaka Junction-Chik Ballapur (BG-47 Kms)	317502
71.	Bangerpet-Marikuppam (BG-16.57 Kms)	45612
72.	Hassan-Sravanabekagika (BG-42.22 Kms)	11509
73.	Sagarjambaguru-Talaguppa (BG-15.33 Kms)	10160
TOTAL		384783
Western Railway		
74.	Billimora-Waghai (NG)	30267
75.	Choranda-Motikoral (NG)	15869
76.	Broach Jabmusar-Kavi (NG)	52311
77.	Chota Udaipur-Jambusar (NG)	88171
78.	Chandod-Malsar (NG)	74872
79.	Nadiad-Bhadran (NG)	42659

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80.	Kosamba Junction-Umerpada (NG)	46461
81.	Mehsana-Trang Hill (MG)	13343
82.	Himmatnagar-Khed Brahma (MG)	42187
83.	Pranchi Rd.-Kodinar (MG)	35016
84.	Talala-Dalvada (MG)	114199
85.	Gandhidham-New Bhuj (BG)	72981
86.	Ranju-Patan (BG)	70961
87.	Boriyavi-Vadtal-Swaminarayan (BG)	19717
88.	Anand-Khambat (BG)	73902
89.	Nadiad-Kapadvanj-Modasa (BG)	12740
90.	Sihor-Palitana (BG)	59353
TOTAL		865009
GRAND TOTAL ALL INDIAN RAILWAYS		14663055

Installing bio-toilets in running trains

3097. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is proposed to install bio-toilets in running trains in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a beginning has since been made in this direction, if so, the results thereof; and

(c) the action plan to cover all major long distance trains under this system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Based on the indigenous technology, a total of 7295 bio-toilets have been installed in 2774 coaches till 31.12.2013. These are running in various trains on Indian Railways.

(c) It is Indian Railways' endeavour to install environment friendly toilets/ bio-toilets in all its passenger coaches (new as well as existing) at the earliest. The time frame for their full scale deployment depends upon the changes/modifications