

- (v) **Chennai-Bangalore-Coimbatore-Ernakulam-Thiruvananthapuram — 850 km.** — The study is in progress. The Consultant has submitted Inception Report and Interim Report No. I and II and Draft Final Report.
- (vi) **Delhi-Jaipur-Ajmer-Jodhpur — 591 km.** — No consultant has been finalized.
- (vii) **Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar — 450 km.** — The work of carrying out pre-feasibility study on this corridor has been entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL).

(d) A joint Feasibility Study for Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed corridor, co-financed by Indian Railways and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), has started in December, 2013, and will be completed in 18 months. For the same corridor, a Business Development study being undertaken by French Railways (SNCF) will be completed by April, 2014. After the studies, Indian Railways will decide on further course of action and modalities for implementation of the project.

Railway work on Chennai-Kanyakumari track

*409. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated for doubling and electrification of railway track from Chennai to Kanyakumari;
- (b) the details of work carried out, both doubling and electrification, on this section; and
- (c) the time by when the entire stretch from Chennai to Kanyakumari would be double-lined and electrified?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) to (c) On Chennai-Kanyakumari route, double broad gauge line already exists between Chennai-Chengalpattu and Dindigul-Madurai sections. Details of doubling works taken up on two stretches of this route is given as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Project	Anticipated cost	Expenditure incurred upto March, 2013	Outlay provided during 2013-14	Status
1	2	3	4	5
Chengalpattu-Villupuram (103 Km.)	751.24	469.09	70	40 Km. section has already been commissioned. Work on 44 Km. section has been completed and

1	2	3	4	5
				this section getting ready for inspection of Commissioner of Railway Safety. Balance 19 Km. is expected to be completed by August, 2014 subject to availability of resources.
Villupuram-Dindigul (273 Km.)	1280	60.01	225.37	This work is being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. 50 Km. formation ready. 25 Km. between Valadi and Kalakudy, Palanganatham commissioned and balance is expected to be completed during 2015-16 subject to availability of resources. 151 hectare of land is to be handed over by Government of Tamil Nadu.

Doubling of balance portion *i.e.* Madurai-Kanyakumari section is not sanctioned.

Chennai-Virudhunagar and Tirunelveli (Excluding) – Nagercoil-Kanyakumari sections on Chennai-Kanyakumari rail line have already been electrified. On the balance section *i.e.* Virudhunagar-Tirunelveli, work is in advanced stages of completion. Details of funds allocation for Railway Electrification projects is as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Project	Anticipated cost	Expenditure incurred upto March, 2013	Outlay provided during 2013-14	Status
Tiruchirappalli-Madurai (154 RKM)	227.31	217.71	9.60	Completed. Electric traction has been introduced in the section.
Madurai-Tuticorin-Nagercoil (262 RKM)	197.46	166.90	18.50	Electrification work on Madurai Virudhunagar and Tirunelveli-Nagercoil sections completed. Work on Virudhunagar-Tirunelveli section is in advanced stages of completion.