

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There has been a marginal increase in the passenger fares of middle and high-end-train during the last five years (2010-11 to 2014-15). The comparative details of class-wise average increase during the last five years are as under:

Class of Travel	Superfast Mail/Express	Shatabdi Express	Rajdhani/ Duronto Trains
Sleeper	5.2% to 7.4%		
AC Chair Car	5.2% to 6.6%	4.9% to 5.2%	
AC 3-Tier	4.7% to 5.8%		4.4% to 5.3%
AC 2-Tier	5.4% to 7%		5% to 6.5%
AC First/Executive	5.5% to 7.4%	6.2% to 6.7%	4% to 6%

The above also includes increase in passenger fares due to levy of Fuel Adjustment Component (FAC).

(c) No, Sir. However, in the recent revision there was no increase in Second Class (Ordinary) Suburban fares upto 80 kms.

Railway projects announced for Tamil Nadu

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

(a) whether it is a fact that various projects, particularly for Tamil Nadu, announced in the previous Railway Budgets are running behind schedule;

(b) if so, the details of the projects announced during last five years and their current status; and

(c) the details of funds allocated at the time of announcement of projects and subsequent budget allocations in succeeding Railway Budgets, during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) Details of New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects falling partly/fully in the State of Tamil Nadu announced during last five years alongwith outlay provided for each project and their status are as under:

Sl. No.	Project announced	Year of announcement	Outlay (Rupees in crore)					Status
			2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Needamangalam - Mannargudi New line	2010-11	-	60	150	70	100	Sanctioned as material modification to Mayiladuturai-Karaikudi and Tiruturaipundi-Agastiyampalli and gauge conversion project. Needamangalam-Mannargudi New line completed. Land acquisition processed for Mannargudi-Pattukottai new line.
2.	Mannargudi-Pattukottai new line	2011-12	-	-	-	-	-	
3.	Madurai-Tuticorin	2011-12	-	-	1	12	2.10	Project sanctioned. Final location survey taken up.
4.	Omalur-Mettur Dam patch doubling	2011-12	-	-	2	7	5	Project sanctioned. Land acquisition processed.
5.	Karaikal-Peralam New Line	2012-13 & 2013-14	-	-	-	-	11.50	Sanctioned as material modification to Tiruchchirappalli-Nagore-Karaikal gauge conversion project. Final Location Survey completed and

									Detailed Estimate prepared.	
6.	Avadi-Guduvancheri via Sriperumbudur and Oragadam New Line	2012-13 & 2013-14	-	-	-	-	0.10		Project included in Budget 2013-14 but not approved by Government.	
7.	Thanjavur-Pattukottai new line	2013-14	-	-	-	-	100		Sanctioned as material modification to Mayiladuturai-Karaikudi and Tiruturaipundi-Agastiyampalli gauge conversion project. Work stopped due to protest by local people.	
8.	Chennai Central-Basin Bridge Junction 5 th and 6 th lines	2013-14	-	-	-	-	0.10		Preparation of Detailed Estimate Taken up.	

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Besides above, surveys announced for new line, gauge conversion and doubling of rail line during aforesaid period and their status are given as under:

Sl. No.	Survey	Year of announcement	Status
1.	Madurai-Ernakulam (Cochin) New Line	2009-10 & 2011-12	Survey completed. Project not found viable.
2.	Madurai-Kottayam New line	2011-12	Survey completed. Project not found viable.
3.	Dindigul-Kumili New Line	2011-12	Survey completed. Project not found viable.
4.	Rameshwaram-Dhanushkodi New Line	2011-12	Survey completed. Project not found viable.
5.	Jolarpettai-Hossur via Krishnagiri New Line	2011-12 & 2012-13	Survey completed. Project not found viable.
6.	Salem-Karaikal new line via Perambalur and Mayiladuturai	2011-12	Survey completed. Project not found viable.
7.	Tirupati-Nagore via Kancheepuram new line	2011-12	Broad gauge line already exist between Tirupati and Katpadi. As such, survey for Kancheepuram- Tiruvanamalai- Katpadi taken up.
8.	Karaikal-Sirkazhi new line	2011-12	Survey completed. Project not found viable.

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9.	Irugur-Podanur doubling	2011-12	Survey completed. Project not found viable.
10.	Podanur-Palghat 3 rd line	2011-12	Survey taken up.
11.	Chennai-Sriperumbudur new line via Guindy and Poonamallee	2012-13	Survey completed. Project not found viable.
12.	Kancheepuram-Tiruvannamalai-Katpadi new line	2012-13	Survey taken up.
13.	Kumbakonam-Andimadam Jayankandam-Vridhachalam new line	2012-13	Survey taken up.
14.	Thanjavur-Pudukottai via Gandarvakottai new line	2012-13	Survey taken up.
15.	Attipattu-Ennore Sea Port new line	2012-13	Survey/execution of work done by Port Authorities.
16.	Madurai-Tirunelveli-Kanniyakumari doubling with electrification	2012-13	Survey completed. Project not found viable.
17.	Trivandrum-Kanniyakumari doubling	2012-13	Survey completed. Project not found viable.
18.	Jolarpettai-Katpadi-Arakkonam 3 rd line	2012-13	Survey completed. Project not found viable.
19.	Renigunta-Arakkonam 3 rd line	2012-13	Survey completed. Project not found viable.
20.	Karaikudi-Dindigul new line	2013-14	Survey taken up.

Sl. No.	Survey	Year of announcement	Status
21.	Karaikudi-Madurai new line	2013-14	Survey taken up.
22.	Morapur-Dharmapuri new line	2013-14	Survey completed. Project not found viable.
23.	Thanjavur-Ariyalur new line	2013-14	Survey taken up.
24.	Tirunelveli-Sankarankoil new line <i>via</i> Pettai, Pudur	2013-14	Survey taken up.
25.	Tirupati-Katpadi doubling	2013-14	Survey taken up.

Railway projects in border areas

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

- (a) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for early completion of railway projects/constructions, especially in Indo-Pak and Indo-China border areas;
- (b) the reasons for delay in completion of such strategic railway projects; and
- (c) whether Government has sorted out its funding and other necessary clearances for completion of such railway projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) Projects in border areas are taken up by the Ministry of Railways with full earnestness and all steps are taken for their early completion including regular co-ordination with all stakeholders. However, these projects suffer delay due to non-availability of adequate funds, delay in land acquisition, difficult terrain, law and order issues, forestry clearances etc. Funds on these projects are provided subjected to overall availability of funds.

Luxury tourist train on Mumbai-Goa route

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

- (a) whether Government is seriously considering a proposal to start a fast luxury tourist train on Mumbai-Goa route on lines of the 'Palace on Wheels'; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be started, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) The luxury tourist train 'Deccan Odyssey', on the pattern of Palace