

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