

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

on Wheels, is already covering the Mumbai-Goa sector on the itinerary Mumbai CST - Sindhudurg - Goa - Vasco - Kolhapur - Aurangabad - Jalgaon - Nasik - Mumbai and another luxury tourist train 'Golden Chariot' is covering Goa on the itinerary Yesvantpur - Mysore - Hassan - Hospet - Badami - Vasco Da Gama - Yesvantpur. However, Luxury Tourist Trains are introduced at the instance of respective State Tourism Corporations/Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation, subject to tourism potential, operational feasibility and availability of resources.

#### **Rollback in suburban train fares**

470. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government is considering to rollback the fare hike in suburban trains, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): No, Sir.

#### **Trains announced in previous budgets**

471. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of trains which were declared to be introduced in the previous three Railway Budgets and have not been introduced/started so far indicating the reasons therefor; and

(b) by when these train would be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) The detailed status of new trains announced during the last Railway Budgets viz. 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Number of introduction announced	Number of introduction implemented	Pending Introduction
		(A)	(B)	(A-B)
1.	2011-12	131	131	0
2.	2012-13	113	108	5
3.	2013-14	126	115	11

Some trains announced in the Railway Budgets 2012-13 and 2013-14 are pending introduction owing to various constraints like non-completion of gauge conversion of concerned sections, non-receipt of necessary clearance from the Commissioner of Railway Safety for LHB stock, etc.