

As Railways are having a large shelf of ongoing projects and facing acute funds constraints, remaining rail lines could not be taken up.

Status of Gulbarga as divisional headquarter

1963. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) when was Gulbarga approved as a railway division;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to complete the task and by when it would commence as divisional headquarter; and
- (c) the progress in work of Gulbarga-Bidar railway line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) (a) and (b) During the course of discussions on the "Vote on Account" Budget of Railways, 2014-15 in Rajya Sabha on 18.02.2014, creation of three new divisions, including one with head-quarters at Gulbarga, was announced by the Hon'ble Minister for Railways. Action has already been initiated by the Ministry of Railways in this regard. However, it is difficult to set any time frame for making this division operational.

(c) Take off point for the project is Khanapur as Bider to Khanapur railway line already exists. Khanapur-Hallikhed (54 Km) and Gulbarga-Sultanpur (10 Km) has been completed. Work in the remaining section has been taken up.

Doubling of railway line

1964. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a survey was proposed for doubling of railway line between Mathura and Farrukhabad and Farrukhabad and Kanpur;
- (b) if so, the progress made in the matter so far; and
- (c) by when the work of doubling of the railway line would be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) (a) to (c) A survey for doubling of Kanpur- Farrukhabad-Kasganj- Mathura (352 km.) has been taken up. Sanction of a project is considered only after the survey is completed.