

Sl.No.	Name of the Survey	Status
45.	Barmer-Delhi <i>via</i> Pali, Marwar, Luni	Survey taken up.
46.	Barmer-Palanpur	Survey taken up.
47.	By-pass line between Salawas and Banad	Survey taken up.
48.	Dahod-Banswara (Dahod-Nathdwara)	Survey taken up.
49.	Didwana-Ringus <i>via</i> Khatu Shyamji	Survey taken up.
50.	Gajsinghpur-Sadulpur <i>via</i> Padampur, Goluwala, Rawatsar, Taranagar, Dadrewa	Survey taken up.
51.	Jhansi-Sawai Madhopur <i>via</i> Shivpuri, Sheopurkalan	Survey taken up.
52.	Lunkaransar-Sardarsahar	Survey taken up.
53.	Neem ka Thana and Sujangarh <i>via</i> Sikar, Salasar and Udaipurwati.	Survey taken up.
54.	Palanpur-Ambaji-Abu Road	Survey taken up.
55.	Pipar Road-Bhopalgarh-Asop-Shankwas-Mundawa Nagore	Survey taken up.
56.	Pratapgarh-Mandsaur	Survey taken up.
57.	Provision of by-pass line at Luni Jn, Samdari, Bhildi Jn, Palanpur, Marwar and Pokaran Jn. Stations	Survey taken up.
58.	Ramganjmandi-Neemuch	Survey taken up.
59.	Sardarshahar-Sirsa	Survey taken up.
60.	Survey of Jalore-Falna new railway line project (71 Kms)	Survey taken up.
61.	Taranga-Abu Raod <i>via</i> Ambaji	Survey taken up.

Vacant posts in Railways

†759. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the category-wise details of the total number of sanctioned posts of Loco Pilot, Assistant Loco Pilot, Motorman and Driver including top posts and the number of posts lying vacant against them, as on date, in Railways;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the number of filled-up/vacant posts for SCs and STs therein; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to fill up the above vacant posts, including the posts reserved for SCs and STs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) The total number of sanctioned strength and vacancy in the category of Loco Pilots in the Zonal Railways, as on 01.04.2014 is given as under:

Category	Sanctioned Strength	Vacancy
Loco Pilot*	43023	10726
Assistant Loco Pilot	41429	5526
Motorman	4116	868

* includes top posts of Loco Pilot (Mail) and Loco Pilot (Passenger)

(b) As per Government of India policy, 15% and 7½ % posts, reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) respectively is ensured in every category on the Railways including Loco Pilots and shortfall, wherever existing is made good through Special Recruitment Drives.

(c) During the last three financial years, total 32916 persons/panels, of Assistant Loco Pilots, including those reserved for SCs and STs respectively were provided to the Zonal Railways. Further recruitment process has been initiated for 24109 posts of Assistant Loco Pilots, including those reserved for SC and ST respectively.

Old and outdated railway tracks

760. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the railway tracks have become very old and outdated and need to be changed;

(b) whether Government is also aware that these old tracks are mostly the reasons for frequent derailment in the country;

(c) if so, whether Railways have identified as how many kilometers of tracks need to be changed; and

(d) how many kilometers of old tracks have been changed and new tracks laid during the last three years and the details of average age of tracks as of now in the country?