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25.	Second electric loco shed to home 200 electric locos, Bondamunda.	111.92	1.00	5.00
26.	Extension of washing pit line to cater 26-coach length trains, Rourkela	8.60	0.04	0.00
27.	Integrated washing pit lines (2 Nos), Mancheswar.	15.24	0.72	0.00
28.	Electric loco shed - Augmentation of holding capacity from 100 AC locos to 150, Angul	22.14	1.57	2.50
29.	Satellite depot for maintenance of track machines, Balangir.	2.61	0.05	0.49
30.	Coaching Depot - Conversion of pit line No. 16 to integrated washing pit line, Puri	4.33	0.00	0.00
31.	Setting up of wagon manufacturing factory, Sitapali.	176.73	0.00	2.00

(b) Completion of projects have been delayed as Railways have a huge throwforward of ongoing projects and limited overall availability of funds. As such it is not possible to allocate adequate funds to all projects on a regular basis which is a pre-requisite for fixing time-frame for completion of the projects. Moreover, forestry clearances, adverse law & order condition also come in the way of timely completion of some of the projects.

(c) Yes, Sir. Letters have been received from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha to expedite completion of Projects, specially Khurda-Bolangir new line and doubling of Delang-Puri.

Development of underdeveloped railway regions

3128.SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to develop underdeveloped railway regions by way of constructing railway lines and bringing them at par with well developed regions in this sector;

(b) if so, the details of such projects that are proposed to be developed to address social afflictions; and

(c) the status of development of such regions in Odisha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) No mandate is available to Indian Railways to develop underdeveloped railway regions by way of constructing railway lines. Some of the railway projects are taken up on socio-economic considerations which also connect backward and underdeveloped areas of the country.

Trains run by Railways to boost domestic tourism

3129.SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of trains being run by Railways to boost domestic tourism in the country;

(b) whether Railways have received any proposal to link certain places of tourists' interest with the Special Tourist Train Circuit;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the proposals; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Railways for promotion of tourism by providing connectivity to more number of tourist destinations across the country by including these places in Special Tourist Train Circuit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Indian Railways promotes tourism by providing connectivity through trains to tourist destinations across the country. In addition, exclusive tourist trains/packages are also operated. The details of exclusive tourist trains presently in operation are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) and (c) Promotion of tourism by linking tourist places with tourist trains is a continuous process based on market demand, operational feasibility and availability of resources.

(d) Pilgrim special tourist trains were announced in Railway Budget 2014-15 with the purpose of connecting various pilgrim destinations across India. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) have operated 7 Pilgrim special tourist trains from 25.10.2014 to 19.12.2014 and further 3 trains are planned till 12.1.2015. IRCTC