

has been awarded on 06.01.2015. Gandhinagar station has been entrusted to Rail Land Development Authority, for which tenders for consultancy have been invited on 10.02.2015. Bhubaneswar/New Bhubaneswar and Baiyyappanahalli (Bengaluru) stations are identified for prefeasibility studies by the China Railway Construction Engineering Group at their cost under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Indian Railways and National Railway Administration, Government of People's Republic of China.

Railway division at Rayagada under ECoR

2688. SHRI A. V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are considering to create another railway division at Rayagada under the jurisdiction of East Coast Railway (ECoR) in view of the public demand;

(b) if so, the status thereof and by when it will be done; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) New Divisions on Indian Railways are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other administrative/operational requirements, consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency, without any regional considerations. The proposal for creation of a new Division with headquarters at Rayagada, when examined from these aspects, has not been found feasible.

Areas unconnected with railway lines in Odisha

2689. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in Odisha which are not connected with railway lines; and

(b) by when the Ministry proposes to lay railway lines in such areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Railway projects are not sanctioned area-wise, State-wise or region-wise. List of New Lines falling partly/fully in the State of Odisha taken up to provide connectivity to different parts of Odisha is given below:

Sl. No.	Project	Year of inclusion in the Budget	Cost (2014-15) (₹ in crore)	Outlay proposed for 2015-16 (₹ in crore)
New Lines				
1.	Angul-Sukinda Road (98.7 km)	1996-97	639	75
2.	Daitari-Banspani (155 km) with MM for 3rd line between Jakhapura-Haridaspur (25Km)	1992-93	1327	12
3.	Digha-Jaleswar (41 km) with new MM for Digha-Egra (31 km)	2010-11	651	5
4.	Haridaspur-Paradeep (82 km)	1996-97	1012	37
5.	Khurda Road-Bolangir (289 km)	1994-95	1995	195
6.	Talcher-Bimlagarh (154 km)	2003-04	811	280

(b) Due to large shelf of ongoing projects, limited overall availability of funds for new line projects and factors such as land acquisition/forest clearances, law and order beyond the control of Railways, no time frame can be fixed for completion of these projects.

Opening of the second gate at Bhagat-ki-Kothi railway station

†2690. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to open the second gate at Bhagat ki-Kothi railway station in Jodhpur district, Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, by when, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) No, Sir. At present, there is no plan to open the second gate at Bhagat ki Kothi railway station in Jodhpur District, Rajasthan.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of railway networks in naxal infested areas

†2691. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme of Government to expand the railway network in the naxal-infested areas;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.