

The annual plan (Revised Estimate) of the Railways for 2014-15 was ₹ 65,798 crore. This was financed through Gross Budgetary Support, Internally Generated Resources and Extra Budgetary Resources like market borrowings etc.

(d) Railways has over three hundred ongoing new line, gauge conversion and doubling projects with a throw forward of ₹ 3.5 lakh crore.

Inspection of railway stations in Kerala

613. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have sent any team of officers to Kerala to inspect railway stations and interact with passengers to know their problems;

(b) if so, the findings of the team; and

(c) the follow up action taken by Railways, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) As a part of "Railyatri/Upbhokta Pakhwada" organized from 26.05.2015 to 09.06.2015, officials from Southern Railway and Railway Board inspected a large number of stations in Kerala and also interacted with passengers.

(b) and (c) Inspection of various railway facilities, including of railway stations and interaction with passengers is a continuous process on Indian Railways.

Corrective action is taken on the short falls/deficiencies as and when these are noticed or reported during such inspections and interactions, including the current one, depending on the availability of resources.

Electrification of railway lines under Lucknow and Varanasi divisions

†614. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sections under Lucknow and Varanasi Divisions under North Eastern Railway still lacking in electrification;

(b) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Ministry for electrification of these sections in which Gorakhpur-Anand Nagar-Nautanwa-Gonda Loop line (Broad Gauge), Gorakhpur Cantt.-Kaptanganj-Thawe-Paniahwa-Valmiki Nagar (Broad Gauge), Chhitauni-Tamkuhi Road New lines, (Broad Gauge) Bhatni-Salempur-Barhaj-Indara-Phephna- Aunrihar-Varanasi (Broad Gauge), Mankapur-Katra-Ayodhya-Faizabad (Broad Gauge) and Gonda-Bahraich-Mailani Jn. fall; and

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(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) The sections in Lucknow and Varanasi Divisions of North Eastern Railway, which are not electrified are as under:-

| Sl. No. | Section | Gauge | Remarks |
|--------------------------------|--|-------|--|
| (i) Lucknow Division: | | | |
| 1. | Mankapur Junction (Jn.) – Ayodhya 38 Kilometres (Kms) | Broad | — |
| 2. | Gorakhpur Jn.–Nautanwa (82 Kms) | Broad | — |
| 3. | Anand Nagar Jn.–Barhni (72 Kms) | Broad | — |
| 4. | Gonda-Gorakhpur Cantt. (157 Kms) | Broad | Electrification work has been sanctioned as a part of Barabanki-Gorakhpur-Barauni Electrification Project. |
| 5. | Burhwal Jn.–Sitapur Cantt. (98 Kms) | Broad | Electrification work has been sanctioned as a part of Roza-Sitapur-Burhwal Electrification Project. |
| 6. | Daliganj Jn.–Sitapur Jn.– Mailani Jn. (187 Kms) | Metre | — |
| 7. | Mailani Jn.–Dudwa–Nanpara–Gonda Jn. (266 Kms) | Metre | — |
| 8. | Barhni–Gonda Jn. (107 Kms) | Metre | — |
| 9. | Nanpara Jn.–Nepal Ganj Road (20 Kms) | Metre | — |
| 10. | Gainsari–Jarwa (15 Kms) | Metre | — |
| (ii) Varanasi Division: | | | |
| 1. | Gorakhpur Cantt.- Bhatni (67 Kms) | Broad | Electrification work has been sanctioned as a part of Barabanki-Gorakhpur-Barauni Electrification Project. |

| Sl. No. | Section | Gauge | Remarks |
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| 2. | Allahabad City–Varanasi–Aunrihar–Phephna Jn–Chhapra Jn. (327 Kms) | Broad | Electrification work has been sanctioned in 2014-15. |
| 3. | Gorakhpur Cantt. –Valmiki Nagar Road (89 Kms) | Broad | — |
| 4. | Mau Jn. – Shahganj Jn. (100 Kms) | Broad | — |
| 5. | Indara-Phephna Jn. (51 Kms) | Broad | — |
| 6. | Bhatni-Indara-Aunrihar Jn. (126 Kms) | Broad | — |
| 7. | Salempur-Barhaj Bazar (20 Kms) | Broad | — |
| 8. | Aunrihar Jn. – Jaunpur Jn. (60 Kms) | Broad | — |
| 9. | Durandha – Maharajganj (06 Kms) | Broad | — |
| 10. | Hathua- Bathua Bazar (21 Kms) | Broad | — |
| 11. | Kaptanganj Jn. – Thawe Jn. (99 Kms) | Broad | — |
| 12. | Thawe Jn. – Chhapra Jn. (109 Kms) | Metre | — |
| 13. | Indara Jn. – Dohri Ghat (35 Kms) | Metre | — |

(b) and (c) Electrification of railway tracks is decided on the basis of financial viability, traffic volumes and operational flexibility. At present, there is no proposal for electrification of the following sections of North Eastern Railway:—

1. Gorakhpur – Anand Nagar – Nautanwa-Gonda loop line
2. Gorakhpur Cantt. – Kaptanganj, Thawe-Paniahwa-Valmikinagar
3. Chhitauni-Tamkuhi Road New Line
4. Mankapur-Katra-Ayodhya-Faizabad
5. Gonda-Bahraich-Mailani Jn.

As regards electrification of Bhatni-Salempur-Barhaj Bazar-Indara-Phephna-Aunrihar-Varanasi rail line is concerned, Varanasi-Aunrihar-Phephna section is part of Chhapra–Ballia-Ghazipur-Varanasi-Allahabad electrification project sanctioned in 2014-15, at a cost of ₹ 415.15 crores. At present, there is no proposal for electrification of Phephna-Indara-Barhaj Bazar-Salempur-Bhatni section.