

Railway connectivity of rural areas of Haryana

1733. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rural areas of Haryana are still not on railway map, while there has been a persistent demand for that; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that these areas have been found to be commercially viable, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) As on 31.03.2015, the State of Haryana has an extensive railway network having 6.43 route km. per lakh of population and 3.69 route km. per 100 sq km. against national averages of 5.46 and 2.01 respectively. In addition 6 projects falling fully/partly in the State of Haryana for construction of 550 km. of New Lines and 5 projects for Doubling of 214 km. of existing single lines have been taken up at a cost of ₹ 7420 and ₹ 1745 crores respectively. In addition, 3 new surveys have also been taken up in Railway Budget 2016-17.

Shortage of coaches in Southern Railway

1734. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Southern Railway zone, especially related to Kerala, is facing acute shortage of coaches and the projected demand of coaches is hardly met;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the remedial action being taken in the matter;

(c) whether Railways have received any proposal(s) for implementation of various schemes/projects in Kerala during the last two years and the current year, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Railways in this regard, including the details of projects sanctioned along with status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present, there is no shortage of coaches for running the scheduled services on Southern Railway which includes the State of Kerala.

(c) and (d) Requests for new lines, gauge conversion, doubling, etc. both formal as well as informal, are received by Railways at various levels *i.e.* Railway Board, Zonal Railways and Divisional Headquarters, etc. As receipt of such requests/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not

maintained. However, such demands from State Governments, public representatives, etc. form an important basis for sanction of surveys and new projects.

The status of the projects in Kerala is as under:—

- (i) Civil Engineering: As on 01.04.2015, there are 12 major projects, comprising 2 new line, 2 gauge conversion and 8 doubling projects, falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala, having a total length of 986 km. costing ₹ 6142 crore. An expenditure of ₹ 2591 crore has been incurred up to March, 2015, with an outlay of ₹ 1033 crore for the year 2015-16. An outlay of ₹ 1016 crore has been proposed in the Railway Budget 2016-17.
- (ii) Mechanical Engineering: Proposals received from Southern Railway in the last two years and the current year as under:

Year	Project
2013-14	Palghat Jn-Creation of minimum and essential facilities for inspection of 8 car MEMU rakes. Alleppey – Acquisition of land with provision of Rail connectivity, Boundary wall and allied works for setting up of wagon manufacturing factory.
2014-15	Tiruvananthapuram Central – Augmentation of AC coach maintenance facilities. Palghat Jn – Creation of minimum and essential facilities for inspection of 8 car MEMU rakes including one washing line and one stabling line.
2015-16	Palghat Jn – Creation of minimum and essential facilities for inspection of 8 car MEMU rakes including one washing line and one stabling line.

The above proposals were examined in the annual works programmes for approval on the basis of techno economic justification and out of these, the work of “Palghat Jn – Creation of minimum and essential facilities for inspection of 8 car MEMU rakes” has been proposed in Railway Budget 2016-17.

Doubling and electrification of Konkan railway

1735. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to take up doubling and electrification of the Konkan railway route, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any blue print has been drawn in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details of implementation of these projects and if not, the reasons therefor?