

**Green toilets in trains and at stations**

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

(a) whether it is proposed to build green toilets in the running trains and on the stations/railway premises in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether this process has since been initiated on the Indian railway system, if so, the details with progress of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Railways are installing green toilets namely bio-toilets in passenger coaches.

However, at present, there is no proposal to install Green - toilets at the Railway stations/premises.

(b) Yes, Sir. The process has been initiated on Indian Railways. Bio-toilets, based on the indigenously developed design/technology in association with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) are being proliferated by Indian Railways. Till date, more than 29,000 bio-toilets have been installed in passenger coaches of Indian Railways.

**Discontinuance of passenger trains**

†461. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to discontinue passenger trains;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating to provide some other mode to passengers travelling in these passenger trains; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**New railway lines in North Purvanchal**

†462. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the places in north Purvanchal where new railway lines are being laid; and

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(b) by when these lines will become fully functional and the work on the same will be completed, State-wise and Zone-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Projects are not sanctioned State-wise, area-wise or region-wise. However, there are 12 new line ongoing projects covering a length of 1594 Km falling partly/fully in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The details of these projects are as under:

Sl.No.	Project Name	Length in Km.
1.	Anandnagar-Ghughli <i>via</i> Maharajganj	50
2.	Chittauni-Tumkhuhi Road	59
3.	Deoband (Muzzafar Nagar)-Roorkee	27
4.	Etawah-Mainpuri	55
5.	Faizabad-Lalganj <i>via</i> Akbarganj, Maharajganj and Raibareilly	116
6.	Hathua-Bhatni	80
7.	Kapilvastu-Basti <i>via</i> Bansi	91
8.	Lalitpur- Satna, Rewa-Singrauli and Mahoba-Khajuraho	541
9.	Mau-Ghazipur-Tarighat	51
10.	Unchhar-Amethi	66
11.	Agra-Etawah <i>via</i> Fatehabad and Bah	110
12.	Guna-Etawah <i>via</i> Shivpur-Gwalior-Bhind	348

Out of these, 2 new line projects *i.e.* Agra-Etawah (110 Km.) and Guna-Etawah (348.25 Km) have been completed and commissioned.

(b) Completion of the projects is dependent upon many factors such as land acquisition, statutory clearances like forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, cutting of trees, construction of road over bridges and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies, apart from availability of adequate funds. Since many of these factors are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways, timelines for completion of all the projects are not feasible to be fixed.

#### **Transportation of coal in open goods wagons**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that coal is invariable transported in open goods wagons to all parts of the country;