

1	2	3	4	5	6
					requested for free land and sharing 50% of construction cost of the project. However, State Government did not accede to Railway's request.
5.	Kumbalam-Thuravur (16 Km)	253	29	35	In view of considerable increase in project cost due to abnormal rise in cost of land, State Government was requested for free land and sharing 50% of construction cost of the project. However, State Government has not responded to Railway's request.
6.	Ambalapuzha-Haripad (18 Km)	289	114	78	Earthwork, bridges and ballast supply works have been taken up.
7.	Trivandrum-Kanniyakumari (85 Km)	900	0.65	320	Projects included in Budget 2015-16 subject to requisite approvals.
8.	Turavur-Ambalapuzha (50 Km)	1000	0.20	100	

Railway connectivity to more parts of J&K

2372. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have any plan to provide rail connectivity to other parts of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) including Kargil and Leh regions;
- (b) whether feasibility studies have been completed in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the project cost, sources of funds and the time-frame by which the projects would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) To assess the feasibility and viability of rail connectivity in Ladakh region, a survey of Srinagar-Kargil-Leh (430 km) new line has been taken up.

- (c) No time-frame can be fixed as the project has not been sanctioned.

Pending railway projects in Bihar

†2373. SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many railway projects are lying pending in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the names of the pending projects and the details of funds provided for them in this financial year to make these projects a success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) 3 major long pending projects, viz., (i) Rail-cum-road bridge over Ganga at Patna, (ii) Rail-cum-road bridge over Ganga at Munger and (iii) Gauge conversion of Kaptanganj-Thawe-Siwan-Chhapra falling partly/fully in Bihar have been fully completed in 2015-16. Overall, Railways have taken up 54 major projects comprising 35 New Lines, 13 Doublings and 06 Gauge Conversions falling fully/partly in Bihar. Details of all these projects including outlays for 2016-17 for these projects are as under:

(₹ in crore)				
Sl. No	Name of Project	Latest Anticipated cost	Exp. upto Mar'15	Outlay 2016-17
1	2	3	4	5
New Lines				
1.	Ara-Bhabua Road (122 km)	1931	0.5	2
2.	Araria-Galgolia (Thakurganj) (100km)	828	54	150
3.	Araria-Supaul (92km)	1196	0.29	2
4.	Bariarpur-Mananpur via Kharagpur, Lachmipur-Barhat (68 km)	826	14	0.50
5.	Bihta-Aurangabad via Anugrahanarayan Road (118 km)	2042	2	2
6.	Chhapra-Muzaffarpur (85km)	1100	112	20
7.	Chhitauni-Tumkuhi Road (58.88 km)	535	32	25

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.