

the safety constraints in its operation on the platforms and inter platform movement.

However, zonal railways have been advised to introduce such modern luggage trolleys at stations wherever feasible through sponsorship from individuals, NGOs, Trusts, Charitable Institutions, Corporate and PSUs/Corporate Houses under their Corporate Social Responsibility.

### **Doubling of railway tracks in Rajasthan**

†1451. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the railway routes of Rajasthan included under the scheme for doubling of railway tracks, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any plan for doubling of Phulera to Jodhpur railway route, if so, under which year's budget it would be undertaken and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the doubling of Jodhpur to Pali railway route has been completed, if so, the date of completion thereof and if not, by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) The details of ongoing doubling projects falling fully/partly in Rajasthan are as under:

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the project (km)	Latest anticipated cost	Expenditure up to March, 2016	Outlay 2016-17
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Abu Road-Sarotra (23)	161	138	55
2.	Ajmer-Bangurgram (48)	262	23	60
3.	Alwar-Bandikui (60)	242	78	70
4.	Bangurgram-Guriya (47)	295	5	42
5.	Bina-Kota (283)	1623	77	210

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5
6.	Guriya-Marwar & Karjoda-Palanpur (49)	247	132	156
7.	Nimuch-Chittaurgarh (56)	260	0	125
8.	Phulera-Degana(109)	600	0	290
9.	Rani-Keshavganj (60)	318	187	40
10.	Rani-Marwar Jn. (55)	336	21	105
11.	Swaroopganj-Abu Road (25)	165	119	10

(b) Doubling of Phulera-Degana section has been already included in Railway Budget 2015-16 and an allotment of ₹ 290 crore has been made for 2016-17. Doubling between Jodhpur (Rai Ka Bagh) to Degana (145 kms) has not been sanctioned.

(c) Jodhpur-Bhagat Ki Kothi-Luni (31.53 kms) double line exists. Doubling of Luni-Pali (Pali Marwar) (41.14 kms) has not been sanctioned.

#### **Decline in passenger bookings**

1452. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have witnessed a decline in passenger bookings from 839 crore in financial year 2014 to 818 crore in financial year 2016 with number of passengers travelling in AC First Class falling by 4.1 percent since financial year 2014;

(b) whether Government's move to cap airfares to tier-II and tier-III cities at ₹ 2500/- per flying hour will further erode market share of Railways in passenger traffic; and

(c) how Railways intend to cope up with passenger attrition, more so with its compulsion to augment passenger revenue to make provision for wage increase due to Seventh Pay Commission hike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) During 2015-16, IR booked/carried approximately 815.2 crore passengers as against 839.7 crore in 2013-14, which is 24.5 crore (-2.91%) less than that in the year 2013-14. The percentage decline in the number of passengers travelled in the I AC class was 15.39% in the year 2015-16 when compared with that in the year 2013-14 as the