

(c) if so, the details of the consultation process including objections raised and responses to these objections; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government in the past five years to upgrade the existing production units?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In the last five years, 32 works involving modernization of Production Units, augmentation of their capacity and up-gradation of overall facilities at a cost of ₹ 1324 crore have been completed. Another 20 similar works at an estimated cost of ₹ 7745 crore are under various stages of execution.

Construction of additional lines in Tamil Nadu

763. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State;

(a) whether there was a proposal to construct additional lines in the State of Tamil Nadu which has been struck down;

(b) if so, the details of the places that these proposed lines were to connect; and

(c) the reasons for decision against implementing the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Presently, 09 New Line Projects covering a length of 871.11 Km at a cost of ₹ 11,612.25 crore, 05 Gauge Conversion projects covering a length of 1,056.68 Km at a cost of ₹ 4,293.75 crore and 08 Doubling Projects covering a length of 591.59 Km at a cost of ₹ 5,673.10 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu are under different stages of planning/sanction/execution.

Also, proposals of laying of additional lines to connect places is a continuous and ongoing process. Projects are taken up based on remunerativeness, missing links, socio-economic considerations etc., depending upon ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.