

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Thursday, November 28, 1996/Agrahayana 7,
1918 (Saka)

(The Lok Sabha met at One Minute Past
Eleven of the Clock)

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

[English]

KUMARI UMA BHARATI (Khajuraho) : Sir, you are looking very cute today.

MR. SPEAKER : Yesterday you gave me life by requesting me to smile!

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI (Allahabad) : Whether his Party has lost confidence in their Ministers?

MR. SPEAKER : You should be happy because you will get more chances.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : What is happening in your party, where are your Members?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : You please come this side.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Of course we will come that side but before that, you come this side. What is this happening?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : We always look forward not backward.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Please look at the Members behind you? What are they doing. All the Members have disappeared.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Doubling of Railway Lines

101 PROF. P.J. KURIEN :
SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Railway lines which have been doubled during the last three years, zone-wise and State-wise:

(b) the details of the Railway lines on which doubling works are in progress alongwith time schedule for the completion of each project and progress made thereon so far, zone-wise and State-wise:

(c) the amount spent on each project:

(d) the details of the Railway lines for which survey for doubling has been conducted, zone-wise and State-wise:

(e) the details of the Railway lines which are proposed for doubling in near future, zone-wise and State-wise:

(f) whether the Government have also received some representations for doubling the Railway tracks during the current year; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

(d) to (g). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) The details of the Railway lines which have been doubled in the last three years Zone-wise and State-wise are given below

93-94 Completed	Kms Rly	State	94-95 Completed		Kms Rly	State	95-96 Completed		Kms Rly	State	
			Kms	State			Kms	State			
Kiratgarh-Taku	12	CR	MR	Narmada Bridge	3.6	CR	MAH	Bairagarh-Bakanian	8	WR	MP
Metpanja-Kohli	16	CR	MAH	Mohammadganj-Satbahini	6.92	ER	BIH	Bakanian-Phanda	8	WR	MP
Narkher-Metpanja	34	CR	MAH	Saidraja-Chandauli-Majhwar	8.4	ER	BIH	Annas Bridge	1	WR	GUJ
Mathura-Palwal-Automatic				Chandaulimajhwar-Ganjkhwaja	8.5	ER	BIH	Guma-Ashoknagar	3.5	ER	WB
Singnalling and IBS				Ganjkhawaja-Mughalsarai	7	ER	BIH	Ashoknagar-Habra	3.5	ER	WB
Bonidanga Cabin-Bonidanga	2	ER	WB	Milak-Nagariasadat-Dhaneta	16	NR	UP	Malda-New Farakka-Chamaragram	6	ER	WB
Chamagram-Khaltipur	8.56	ER	WB	Bhitora-Patsakheda	5	NR	UP	Karwandiya-Sasaram	7.5	ER	BIH
Khaltipur-Jamirghata	6.45	ER	WB	New Jalpaiguri-Ambarifalkata	9	NFR	WB	Sasaram-Kumahu	8	ER	BIH
Mugalsarai-Gankhana	4.02	ER	BIH	Chittpur-Malkhaid Rd	9.67	SCR	AR	Kumahu-Siusagar Road	6	ER	BIH
Rohtak-Jakkhal	11	NR	HAR	Sulehaili-Chittpur	6.01	SCR	AP	NJP-Ambari-Falakata	9	ER	WB
Rampur cabin-New Azadpur	8	NR	DEL	Nawandgi-Kurkunta	7.55	SCR	AP	Rayagada-Ladda	8	ER	ORI
Tilak Bridge-Nizamuddin	5	NR	DEL	Rukmapur-Tandur	11	SCR	AP	DNKL-Sadashibpur-Hindol	20.5	ER	ORI
Telta-Daikhola	8	NF	WB	Thirubali-Singhapuram Rd	11	SCR	ORI	Jai Kamanagar-Akaltara	13	ER	MP
Kayankulam-Karunagapalli	14	SR	KER	Singhapuram Rd-Rayagada	9	SCR	ORI	Gumada-Bobbili	38	ER	ORI
Serim-Malkhaid Rd	12.4	SCR	AP	Rayagada-Ladda	5	SCR	ORI	Hindol Rd-Tatcher	32	ER	ORI
Thangundi-Chegunta	43.4	SCR	AP	Muriguda-Bissamcuttuck	18	SCR	OR†	Bhithura-Bateilly	19	NR	UP
Ambodala-Gumada	83	SCR	ORI					Karunagapalli-Sasthankotta	9	SR	KER
Joranda Rd-Dhankanal	9	SCR	ORI								
Mahi Bridge	1	WR	GUJ								
Bolai Akodia	12	WR	MP								
Total	290				141.7				200		

(b) and (c). Details of doubling works in progress State-wise and Zone-wise with target and amount spent, as on 31.3.96 are given below :

No.	Section	State	kms	Cost Rs in cr	Target	Amount spent till 31.3.96	Outlay 96-97	Remarks
1	2							
Central Railway								
1	Hetampur-Gher-single line incl. Chambal Br	MP	1	31.75	3/98	20.9	2	Overall progress 35%

1	2	3	4	5
2.	Divi-Vasai Rd	Maharashtra	41.65	90
3.	Divi-Panvel	-do-	26.1	52.34
4.	Daund-Bigwan	-do-	27.68	38.78
5.	Nishatpur (A&D cabins chord line)	MP	3	2.78
6.	Thane-Turbhe	Maharashtra	28.9	403.39
7.	Belapur-Panvel	Maharashtra	10.9	279.83
Eastern Railway				
8.	Sahibganj-New Farakka-Malda Town	WB	50	60.68
9.	Sonnagar-Mugalsarai 3rd line	Bihar	124	230
10.	Khana-Santhia(Ph.I)	WB	4	12.27
11.	Jhaptardari-Guskara	WB	15	11.46
12.	Chandanpur-Gurap	WB	17	25.29
13.	Guskara-Bolpur Ph.III	WB	19	24.15
14.	Budge Budge - Akra Ph.I	WB	6.09	7.85
Northern Railway				
15.	Tundla-Yamuna Br	UP	21	35

6	7	8	9
12/98	1	5	Preliminary works in progress.
12/98	1	23.79	Earthwork & bridge work is in progress. One block section will be completed in 96-97.
12/99	1.5	1	Earthwork & bridge work in progress.
6/97	0.43	2	Preliminary works in progress.
3/99	3	25	(Rs.24.99 crs. includes CIDCO shares of cost) Earthwork. const. of subway and station bldg. taken up.
3/99	8	32.07	(Rs.32.07 crs. - CIDCO outlay in addition to Rly. share. Earthwork. const. of subway and station bldg. taken up.
12/97	57.49	1.19	About 30 km has already been opened & for balance 20 kms. The work is in progress.
6/98	134.28	12	21 kms commissioned in March 95. Work in remaining portion is in progress
12/97	10.83	1.43	Land acquisition & earthwork is in progress. Physical progress 10%.
3/97	10.41	1.05	Earthwork & bridge work is in progress. Physical progress 25%.
3/98	12.92	1	Earthwork in progress.
3/98	3	1.72	Preliminary works like tender etc. taken up.
3/98	3	1	Preliminary works in progress.
12/97	5.28	1.6	Preliminary works like tender etc. taken up.

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Oral Answers

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1	2	3	4	5	6
16.	Muradnagar-Meerut City	UP	29.5	37	12/97
17.	Ghaziabad-Muradnagar- patch doubling Ph.I	UP	36.97	34.78	12/97
18.	Kanpur-Panki 3rd line Ph.I	UP	9	34.91	3/98
North Eastern Railway					
Nil					
North Frontier Railway					
19.	Dhalkola-Kishanganj	WB	28	26.18	12/98
Southern Railway					
20.	Quilon-Trivandrum Central	Kerala	65	116.15	12/99
21.	Whitefield-Bangarpet	Marnataka	81	105	12/98
22.	Kuttipuram-Calicut	Kerala	56	63.45	12/99
23.	Kuttipuram-Guruvayoor	Kerala	36	40	12/99
24.	Bangalore-Kengri patch doubling	Karnataka	12.45	23.59	12/98
25.	Calicut-Mangalore	Kerala	221	240	3/99
South Central Railway					
26.	Vikarabad-Tandur	AP	40	71.75	3/98
South Eastern Railway					
27.	Bilaspur-Akaltara 3rd line	MP	27	27.5	3/97

7	8	9
0	4.5	Preliminary works like tender etc. taken up.
0	2	Preliminary works like tender etc. taken up.
0	1.25	Preliminary works in progress
0	3	Preliminary works in progress.
21.78	21.5	Land acquisition is in progress.
18.55	1	Earthwork & bridge in progress. Overall progress 45%.
0.5	2	Land acquisition in progress.
0	1	Final location survey & land acquisition proceedings is in progress.
0.2	0.01	Survey for entire length from Bangalore to Mysore is being done to assess cost and traffic potential of the entire section.
2	35	Earthwork & bridge work is in progress. The work on Calicut Westhill. The work on Calicut Westhill, Westhill-Elathur & Quilandi-Tikkoti is likely to be completed during 96-97.
57.85	2.11	Work in progress. Physical progress is 70%.
27.09	0.41	Earthwork & Bridge work completed. Balance work is in progress. Physical progress 90%.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
28.	Bobbili-Gajapatnagar	Orissa	32	32.18	6/97	31.88	0.29	Work has been completed
29.	Gajapatnagar-Vizianagar Ph. II section III	Orissa	22	29.3	12/96	17.66	5.9	Work is in progress. Physical progress 60%.
30.	Rajatgarh-Nergundi-Talcher	Orissa	25	41.22	12/97	12.51	5.16	Work is in progress. Physical progress 40%.
31.	Akaltara-Champa 3rd line with OHE	MP	262	39.96	12/97	7.84	2	Earthwork, bridges etc. in progress. Overall Progress about 30%.
32.	Raghunathpur-Gorakhnath-Rahama	Orissa	28.4	25	12/97	3.65	8	Preliminary works like tender, land acquisition etc. taken up.
33.	Urkura-Raipur-Sarona	MP	11.6	11.9	12/97	1.25	4.07	Work in progress. Physical progress 45%.
Western Railway								
34.	Bairagarh-Bakanian. Bhanuri-Bakanian-Bhanuri-Phanda	MP	16	16.2	12/96	16.15	0.5	Work has been completed.
35.	Priumrao-Bercha & Bolai Akodia	MP	23.46	27.47	3/97	27.42	0.5	Work has been completed.
36.	Kalapipal-Phanda	MP	41	53	12/99	0.21	0.01	Preliminary work is in progress.
37.	Bolai-Kalishindh-Kisoni-Bercha and Maksi-Pitumrod	MP	39	54.59	03/02	0	1.05	Preliminary work like tender etc. has been taken up
38.	Kota-Guria-Chambal Br No.211	Rajasthan		10.4	12/97	5	2.07	Works is in progress
Total Km.							1537.7	

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Sir, I seek your protection.

Please see parts from (d) to (g) of the question. All these questions are such that the answers are available with the Ministry, here itself. Yet the hon. Minister preferred to say that the information was being collected and would be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. The information can be collected if they are to be made available from far-flung offices. But all this information is available in the Ministry, here itself, in his office. Yet, he is not prepared to give the answer. This is a very sorry state of affairs. I have to say that, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I seek your protection. Had he given this answer, there was no need to ask a supplementary from my side. Therefore, I am putting my supplementary question.

Sir, I should thank the hon. Minister for he called the M.Ps. from Kerala - may be from all other States also- and we had a discussion. In that discussion I have raised very pertinently the question of doubling of Trivandrum - Ernakulam sector because that is one of the oldest and very busy lines. Only a portion has so far been doubled. The important sector of Trivandrum to Kayamkulam via Kottayam and Alleppey has not been doubled.

MR. SPEAKER : Prof. Kurien, I want to say one thing. If an hon. Member cannot frame his question within two minutes, the question automatically stands not admitted.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Sir, I am one who very much appreciates and accepts your point. But I do not know why you started it today. From tomorrow onwards I will obey that. I accept it, but from tomorrow onwards.

MR. SPEAKER : Allright, one exception for you.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Two minutes and one second for you.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Sir, it can be from tomorrow onwards.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Sir, if the Minister is not able to answer what will happen then? How much time are you going to give to the Minister?

MR. SPEAKER : I agree. Even Ministers should be precise in their answers.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Sir, what I want is that the sector from Trivandrum-Kayamkulam via Kottayam and Alleppey should be immediately doubled.

The hon. Minister has accepted it in principle and sanctioned only a paltry sum of Rs. two lakh. That is inadequate. Therefore, I want that adequate funds should be allotted for the survey of Ernakulam-Kottayam-Kayamkulam sector via Alleppey. He has accepted it in principle, but adequate funds should be allotted for it. The survey should be completed this year

itself and in the next financial year adequate funds should be allotted for the construction of the line. I want to know the hon. Minister's reaction on this matter. So it is a question. Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : It is a suggestion. I am sorry

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Sir, I want to know his reaction. That is a question.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, order has been issued for the survey of railway track from Kayamkulam to Ernakulam. I had said that I would get survey completed. The order has been issued for it and after that, as you know, the estimate would be sent to the Planning Commission. Thereafter, it would be further sent to the Expanded Board and then to the CCA and in the end, it would be included in the budget. Therefore, the first job of issuing survey order which was under my jurisdiction, has been done as per the assurance given to you.

[English]

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Sir, the funds are not adequate for the survey. That is the position. The Minister should allot adequate funds for the survey.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as far as funds are concerned, I would like to know from the hon. ble Member whether he is concerned about the survey or the funds?

[English]

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Sir, the answer is wrong.

MR. SPEAKER : I think the Minister has given a big assurance. Shri Gehlot.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Sir, he is misleading the House. The survey has not been conducted. He has only ordered the survey.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : That is what I have said.

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Gehlot.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Sir, I have the right to ask my second supplementary.

[Translation]

SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Mr. Speaker, Sir, he has stated in his reply that a target has been fixed for doubling the Bolai-Kalisindh-Kisauni-Berchha and Maxi-Pirumrod rail lines, as has appeared at serial No.37 of page 7 of the list. He has mentioned in his reply that Rs.1.5 crore have been spent on it so far. Sir, I would like to know the details of this expenditure.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : I have not understood his question.

SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have asked a clear question and I repeat it again. The target date fixed for doubling the Bolai-Kalisindh-Kisauni-Berchha and Maxi-Pirumrod rail line as appearing at serial number 37 in the list, is mentioned and it has been stated that Rs. 15 crore have been spent on it so far, but no work has been done in this regard. I would like to know from the hon'ble Minister as to where this amount has been spent?

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I seek your protection. If you look at the question you will see that the hon'ble Member has asked about the details of rail lines doubled during the last three years zone-wise and state-wise, the details of lines on which doubling works are in progress, the amount spent in each project, the details of those rail lines, zone-wise and state-wise, for which survey regarding doubling is underway and details of those rail lines, zone-wise and state-wise, which are likely to be doubled in the near future?

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Minister, if you have no reply, then you clearly speak that you want another notice.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, a written reply to his question will be sent to him.

SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Mr. Speaker, Sir, he has not given a reply to my question.

MR. SPEAKER : You will have to give a notice again.

SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I seek your protection.

[English]

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : Mr. Speaker, Sir, in part (e) of the question, the Minister was asked to give the details of the railway lines which were proposed for doubling in the near future. A few months back while inaugurating the electrification work of Bandel-Katwa railway line, the hon. Railway Minister had announced before a large public gathering that Bandel-Katwa railway line was going to be doubled soon. Secondly, there has been a persistent demand for doubling of Saurapnli-Tarakesh sector falling in the Howrah Division of the Eastern Railway to which the hon. Minister replied positively and an assurance was also given. May I know from the hon. Minister whether any step has already been taken for the implementation of his assurances?

[Translation]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I will fulfil the assurance which I have given.

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : There is heavy traffic on the rail line from Ujjain to Bhopal under Western Railway. The doubling of the track is the only

solution to this problem. But there is delay in its doubling and, as a result thereof, not only the road traffic but trains are also affected. In your reply you have somewhere stated that the work is in progress but somewhere it has been mentioned that tenders are being invited. I would like to know from the hon'ble Minister as to whether all these works would be completed by the end of this financial year? Can you fix a time limit for completion of doubling work?

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to tell one thing to the hon'ble Members that a single track is constructed for passengers but it is in Railways' own interest to convert it into double lines. Railways is itself alive to this work and if doubling of any rail line is necessary, we will definitely do it. First we fix the priority and then selection is made on its basis. Wherever the track is badly needed, it is accorded top priority.

SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : A survey was conducted in Tehrapur, Pattanchairuk and Sangreddy areas of Medak district of Andhra Pradesh seven years back. Sangareddy area is a backward area. Sir, through you, I would like to ask from the hon'ble Minister as to what is being done for those areas where survey was conducted?

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Are you asking about single line or double lines?

SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Please tell about those areas where survey had been conducted.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : A Written reply will be sent to you in this regard.

[English]

SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Sir, some doubling work has been undertaken in Kerala. But unfortunately, though some works have been proposed and taken up, they are going at a very slow speed. It is going as slow as some of the trains. The reason pointed out for this is that some of the construction offices are not started in Kerala. A Chief Engineer (Construction's office was ordered for Ernakulam, Kerala, by the last Government. I would like to ask whether the establishment of this office could be started immediately to safeguard the interests of the people living there and speed up the work of doubling taken up in Kerala.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : I will try to avoid unnecessary delay and expedite the work.

SHRI PAWAN DIWAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the doubling work of rail line from Raipur to Dhantar which connects the tribal districts, Baster and the foundation stone of which was laid by the former Railway Minister, Shri Suresh Kalmadi, has not been undertaken. When will the work on it start?

[Translation]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : The question is regarding doubling of Rail lines but I think that the Hon'ble Member is enquiring about a new line.

SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to know from the Hon'ble Minister as to whether the Govt. propose to convert the Rail Line in Gaya Kayool Railway Section in Bihar into double track line. Hon'ble Minister had given an assurance in his budget speech to provide a double track on Gaya Patna Line, however, no work has been started there as yet. I would like to know from the Government whether there is any proposal regarding doubling of Gaya-Kayool line?

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, so far as the question of doubling of Gaya-Kayool line is concerned, I will send the requisite information to the Hon'ble Member so far as Patna-Gaya line is concerned, we have already inaugurated this conversion project. Hon'ble Members, Shri Ram Kripal Yadav and Shri Ramashraya Prasad Singh are present in the House and they are aware that we have started working on this project after inaugurating this line.

On going Railway Projects

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103. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the details of the ongoing railway projects funded by the foreign financial institutions, alongwith their estimated cost.

(b) the total amount received by the Government for each of these projects.

(c) whether the Government have utilised the above amount.

(d) if not, whether the Government have paid commitment charges to the external institutions; and

(e) if so, the total amount paid by the Government in this regard?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (e). A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha

STATEMENT

(a) to (e). The details of the on-going projects being funded by the external institutions are as under :

S. No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost	Funding Agency	Loan/Aid Component	Amount Utilised	Commitment Charges Paid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	1st Railway Project- Loan No 857 IND Procurement of High Horse Power Freight Locos. with upgradation of Railway facility and equipment.	US \$ 442.00 million	Asian Development Bank	US \$ 190.00 million	US \$ 136.12 million	US \$ 8.957 million
2.	Procurement of High Horse Power Passenger Locos and substation facilities	Included in Project above.	EXIM Bank, Japan	US \$ 110.0 million	US \$ 102.30 million	Rs.2.08 crores
3.	IIInd Railway Project- Loan No. 1140-IND Electrification of Patratu-Sonnagar and 3rd line between Sonnagar-Mughal Isarai etc.	US \$ 500.00 million	Asian Development Bank.	US \$ 107.70 million	US \$ 42.39 million	US \$ 1.89 million
4.	Construction of Broad Gauge line between Koraput-Rayagada	Rs.442.32 crores	Saudi Fund	Saudi Riyal 88.0 million	Saudi Riyal 62 million	Nil
5.	Procurement of Rails etc.	33.00 million U.K. Pounds	U.K. Grant	33.00 million U.K. Pounds	30.67 million U.K. Pounds	Nil