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Railway Projects

3933. SHRI KHELAN RAM JANGDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the targets fixed for the completion of various ongoing Railway projects in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the progress made so far in this regard;

(c) the steps taken to complete them expeditiously; and

(d) the increase in the cost of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b). The details of the various ongoing projects relating to new lines, gauge conversions, doublings and electrification, currently in progress in the State of Madhya Pradesh are as under:

Name of Project	Target date for Completion	Percentage Progress
1. NEW LINES		
i. Guna-Etawah rail line	On Guna-Gwallor route, the remaining portion for Khajuri-Mohana-Panlhar will be completed in 1997-98 and the portion from Nonera to Blind and Etawah in the Ninth Plan	55%
ii. Godhra-Dahod-Indore and Dewas-Maksi	The work which had been frozen is under consideration for defreezing	36%
2. GAUGE CONVERSIONS		
i. Neemuch-Ratlam	Ninth Plan period	8%
ii. Parasia-Chhindwara	1995-96	1%
3. DOUBLINGS		
i. Bilaspur-Akaltara Third Line		75%
ii. Anas Bridge	1995-96	50%
iii. Pirumrod-Bercha		50%
iv. Bairagarh-Phanda		75%
v. Akaltara-Champa Third Line with OHE	1997-98	0.2%
4. ELECTRIFICATION		
i. Bina-Katni	The complete section has been energised for electric traction services. Some residual works are in hand	The projects have been completed. Residual works are in hand.
ii. Katni-Anuppur-Bilaspur	-do-	

(c) Adequate funds and materials are being made available to the concerned Zonal Railways for completion of the various ongoing projects in Madhya Pradesh, as per the scheduled programme for progressing these projects.

(d) Out of the above projects, increase has so far been reported only in the cost of Guna-Etawah and Godhra-Dahod-Indore and Dewas-Maksi new rail line projects and is mainly on account of price escalation. The details are given below :

Name of Project	Original Cost (Rs. in Crores)	Latest Cost (Rs. in Crores)
i. Guna-Etawah	158.77	258
ii. Godhra-Dahod-Indore and Dewas-Maksi	297.14	327

Distribution of Kerosene

3934. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received some suggestions from various State Governments particularly from Gujarat Government for distribution of kerosene to the backward classes in rural and tribal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(c) the action taken on these suggestions; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?