

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Though the punctuality of 137/138 Chhattisgarh Express has not been satisfactory, however, average late running has been around 2/3 hours.

(b) The main reasons for late running have been alarm chain pulling, out of path running and detentions due to detaching/attaching of extra coaches etc.

(c) The question of converting this train into super-fast Express has been examined but not found feasible.

Railway Line under construction

1445. SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new Railway lines are under construction and the amount for each line and the length of each line State-wise;

(b) how many more new lines are proposed to be constructed and in which States; and

(c) whether Government propose to take up the construction of West coast Railway line?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A statement is attached.

(b) Proposals for new lines to be constructed in various States are decided and finalised in consultation with the Planning Commission at the time of finalising the Railway's Annual Plan and the Annual Railway Budget. During 1981-82 Budget construction of new broad gauge line from Telapur to Patancheru (8.31 kms.) on South Central Railway in Andhra Pradesh at a cost of Rs. 2.22 crores with an initial outlay of Rs. 30 lakhs has been proposed.

(c) Construction of Apta-Roha BG line (62 kms.) forms part, of the proposed West Coast Konkan line. The proposal for extension of Apte-Roha rail line upto Dasgaon is under consideration in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the Project	State	Length in kms.	Present day estimated cost (Rs. in crores)
<i>Central Railway</i>				
1	Vasai Road-Diva	Maharashtra	41.96	23.48
2	Wani-Pimpalkoti	Do.	66.37	8.47
3	Apta-Roha	Do.	62.00	11.10
<i>Eastern Railway</i>				
4	Karaila Road-Jayant	U.P./M.P.	33.00	18.32
5	Howrah/Dankuni-Sheakhala	West Bengal	17.40	6.49

(Approved work but construction work not yet started.)

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<i>N.E. Railway</i>				
6	New BG line from Rampur to New Haldwani	U.P.	78.40	13.70
7	Sakri-Hasanpur Road	Bihar	74.90	5.86
8	Bagaha-Chittauni MG (Restoration)	Bihar/U.P.	28.41	10.00
<i>Northeast Frontier Railway</i>				
9	Gauhati-Burnihat	Assam/Meghalaya	24.82	8.20
10	Dharmanagar Kumarghat	Tripura	33.55	9.67
11	Balipara-Bhalukpong	Assam/Arunachal Pradesh	33.46	4.70
12	Silchar-Jiribam	Assam/Manipur	50.30	12.13
13	Amguri-Tuli	Assam/Nagaland	17.07	4.83
14	Lalaghat-Bhairabi	Assam/Mizoram	48.77	10.78
<i>Southern Railway</i>				
15	Tirunelveli-Nagercoil	Tamilnadu	73.31	15.00
16	Alleppey-Ernakulam	Kerala	51.00	7.00
<i>South Central Railway</i>				
17	Bibinagar-Nadikude (Bibinagar-Nalgonda) Phase I, 74 Kms. taken up.	Andhra Pradesh	151.00	25.62
18	Bhadrachalam Road to Manuguru	Do.	52.00	8.20
19	Manickgach-Chandur	Maharashtra	28.49	6.00
20	Jaggeyapetta-Bonakulau	Andhra Pradesh	34.00	7.00
21	Bringing Old Madhavnagar station on the main line providing a chord line between Nandre and New Singli on Pune-Miraj section	Maharashtra	1.50	0.73
22	Restoration of Miraj-Sangli	Do.	7.77	0.54
<i>South Eastern Railway</i>				
23	Howrah-Amta including Bargachia Champadanga	West Bengal	73.53	10.72
24	Banspani-Jakhapura Phase I (Jakhapura-Daitari 33.05 kms taken up.)	Orissa	33.05 (Phase II)	9.00
25	Talgaria-Tupkadih	Bihar	32.00	5.50
<i>Western Railway</i>				
26	Kapadvanj-Moxlasa	Gujarat	60.50	5.38
27	Kota-Chittorgarh	Rajasthan	242.00	41.09