

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Laying of New Railway Lines

*425. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the proposals received from the Government of Assam and other North-Eastern States for laying new railway lines;

(b) the details of the surveys conducted for laying of new railway lines under North-East Frontier Railways during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) the details of the new rail routes out of the above proposed new railway lines found remunerative and approved;

(d) the funds allocated for the construction of new railway lines under North-East Frontier Railways during each of the last three years; and

(e) the time by which these new railway lines are likely to be laid ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) Proposals have been received from the Govt. of Assam and the other North Eastern States for laying new lines as under :

1. Assam	Lekhapani to Kharsang Dibrugarh to Jorhat via Moranhat Guwahati to Byrnihat
2. Arunachal Pradesh	Mukongselek to Pasighat Harmuti to Itanagar
3. Mizoram	Bhairabhi to Sairang/Aizwal
4. Manipur/Nagaland	Diphu to Imphal via Karong
5. Meghalaya	Dudhnoi to Depa
6. Sikkim/West Bengal	Sevok to Giellakhola-Gangtok
7. Tripura	Kumarghat to Agartala Agartala to Sabroom

(b) The following surveys were conducted for laying of new lines in the North East Frontier during the 8th Five Year Plan :

- Final location survey for new line from Kumarghat to Agartala.
- Construction of new line from Lanka to Silchar with the alternative of gauge conversion of Lumding-Silchar.

3. Updating survey for a new line from Diphu to Karong.

4. New line from Lekhapani to Kharsang.

5. New line from Harmuti to Itanagar.

6. Final Location Survey from Dudhnoi to Depa.

(c) None of the rail routes out of the above works was found remunerative but the following works out of the above have been approved.

1. Construction of new line from Kumarghat to Agartala.

2. Gauge conversion of Lumding-Silchar.

3. Construction of new line from Diphu to Karong (to be taken up after obtaining the requisite clearances).

4. Construction of new line from Harmuti to Itanagar.

5. Construction of new line from Dudhnoi to Depa.

In addition, it has been decided to take up construction of Bogibheel bridge on the river Brahmaputra with rail and road links on both sides. The work has been sanctioned and the survey is in progress.

(d) Funds allocation for the construction of new railway lines under North East Frontier Railway during each of the last three years has been as under :

Year	Rupees in crs.
1995-96	40.50
1996-97	36.00
1997-98	81.02

(e) The lines would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. However, projects in the North East are being given priority and efforts are being made to obtain extra allocation of funds for these works from the Planning Commission so that they can be completed early.

Central Investment in Rural Housing

*427. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central investment in rural housing has been enhanced in accordance with the targets fixed and achieved during the last five years;

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

(c) whether the Government have any specific scheme for improvement of housing system in the rural sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and the funds allocated during 1998-99 therefor, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) and (b) Target under Indira Awaas Yojana is fixed annually depending on the allocation and on the basis of poverty ratios as approved by the Planning Commission. Therefore, the central allocation precedes setting up of targets.

The state-wise details of target achieved during the last five years is given in the statement-I enclosed.

(c) Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) is the only Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented all over the country with the primary objective of providing houses to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, freed bonded labourers and also non-SC/ST rural poor below the poverty line by providing them with grant-in-aid.

(d) The details of central allocation tentatively made under IAY during 1998-99 is given in the attached statement-II.

Statement-I

Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)

(In Nos.)

Name of the State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98*
	Achievement	Achievement	Achievement	Achievement	Achievement
1	2	3	4	5	6
Andhra Pradesh	44897	57483	69086	46181	104115
Arunachal Pradesh	120	219	420	387	932
Assam	4304	6862	24871	13401	17507
Bihar	88960	59216	114506	133244	103506
Goa	358	329	967	466	463
Gujarat	7117	7895	31770	30481	17854
Haryana	1552	3536	9024	6153	4505
Himachal Pradesh	629	853	1727	2373	1843
Jammu & Kashmir	390	1697	3554	10197	6172
Karnataka	8820	13831	37460	45503	43522
Kerala	16999	18549	29368	23202	12834
Madhya Pradesh	48108	48967	125757	87371	101549
Maharashtra	18870	22812	66648	58244	60709
Manipur	208	197	784	715	1096
Meghalaya	353	283	207	646	316
Mizoram	240	368	569	369	302
Nagaland	1536	895	470	3691	1933
Orissa	10588	13297	51033	54612	50023
Punjab	2739	3849	1121	1709	3235
Rajasthan	19958	28934	41756	46682	34858

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sikkim	142	108	1065	760	590
Tamil Nadu	33758	33176	56885	63959	55830
Tripura	636	567	1348	983	1665
Uttar Pradesh	47722	50908	159073	139801	94535
West Bengal	13389	15526	34278	34722	43931
A & N Islands	21	21	21	78	6
D & N Haveli	60	59	13	50	100
Daman & Diu	13	45	62	92	38
Lakshadweep	0	0	10	105	60
Pondicherry	48	0	36	113	214
Total	372535	390482	863889	806290	764243

*Provisional

Statement-II*Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)**State-wise allocation under IAY for the year 1998-99*

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	Allocation*		
		Central	State	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8370.41	2092.60	10463.01
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	184.03	46.01	230.04
3.	Assam	4781.82	1195.46	5977.28
4.	Bihar	27420.52	6855.13	34275.65
5.	Goa	19.29	4.82	24.11
6.	Gujarat	3150.78	787.70	3938.48
7.	Haryana	1853.66	463.42	2317.08
8.	Himachal Pradesh	780.64	195.16	975.80
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	966.16	241.54	1207.70
10.	Karnataka	6320.85	1580.21	7901.06
11.	Kerala	2836.14	709.04	3545.18
12.	Madhya Pradesh	13898.74	3474.69	17373.43
13.	Maharashtra	12494.77	3123.69	15618.46
14.	Manipur	320.57	80.14	400.71

1	2	3	4	5
15.	Meghalaya	359.16	89.79	448.95
16.	Mizoram	83.11	20.78	103.89
17.	Nagaland	246.36	61.59	307.95
18.	Orissa	9574.03	2393.51	11967.54
19.	Punjab	900.86	225.21	1126.07
20.	Rajasthan	4799.63	1199.91	5999.54
21.	Sikkim	92.02	23.00	115.02
22.	Tamil Nadu	7401.28	1850.32	9251.60
23.	Tripura	578.80	144.70	723.50
24.	Uttar Pradesh	30176.52	7544.13	37720.65
25.	West Bengal	10639.62	2659.91	13299.53
26.	A & N Islands	44.40	0.00	44.40
27.	D & N Haveli	43.79	0.00	43.79
28.	Daman & Diu	1.82	0.00	1.82
29.	Lakshadweep	3.65	0.00	3.65
30.	Pondicherry	56.57	0.00	56.57
Total		148400.00	37100.00	185500.00

*Allocation is provisional