

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1984

ANSWERED ON:11.08.2011

STATUS OF NEW RAILWAY LINES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of new railway lines on Kolhapur- Viihbhawwadi (Konkan Railway), Thirunavaya-Guruvayoor (Kerala), Jiribam-Imphal (Tupul) and Qazigund-Udhampur lines;

(b) the steps taken/being taken to expedite the works on these lines; and

(c) the funds allocated/released so far for these projects, project- wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UIMSTARRED QUESTION NO.1984 BY SHRI RAJU SHETTI, SHRI K.P. DHANAPALAN, DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA AND SHRI S.D. SHARIQ TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.08.2011 REGARDING STATUS OF NIEW RAILWAY LINES

(a) & (c): The details of following ongoing railway projects along with expenditure and outlay during the current year are as under;

(Rs in crore)

S.No.	Name of the project	Expenditure upto March, 2011	Outlay during 2011-12	Status
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1.	Kolhapur- Vaibhavwadi			Work is not yet sanctioned.
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2.	Thirunavaya- Guruvayoor	11.30	6.66	Alignment approved by Government of Kerala after a delay of 14 years. For the first eight kilometers, land requirement has been furnished to State Government.
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3.	Jiribam- Imphal (Tupul)	395.19	100	Earthwork, Tunnelling & Bridgework taken up in Jiribam-Tupul section. Final Location Survey for TupuMmphal (26.5 Km) is nearing completion. Progress badly affected due to security issues. A battalion of CRPF is being deployed by MHA for providing security at project sites.
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4.	Qazigund- Udhampur	7129.00	1100	The work in Udhampur-Katra (25 km) is in advance stages anil
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targeted for completion in
2012-13. Qazigund-Banihal
(17.428 km) section is planned
to be completed by 2012-13.
Work on Katra-Banihal section
is in progress and is targeted
by the year 2017.

(b): Railways have huge throw-forward of ongoing projects with limited availability of resources. The projects are progressed as per availability of resources. To expedite completion of projects, a number of initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources through non budgetary measures like Public-Private Partnership, funding by State Governments and other beneficiaries. To reduce delay on account of land availability, security issues, forestry clearances etc. meetings with State Government/ Central Government officials are held from time to time. Contract conditions have been modified to bring efficiency in contract management and field units have been further empowered.