

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:735

ANSWERED ON:09.07.2009

DOUBLING OF ERNAKULAM-CHANGANASSERY RAIL LINE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have any plan for doubling the rail lines and construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) from Ernakulam to Changanassery;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have any proposal for the modernisation of Kottayam Railway Station; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 735 BY SHRI JOSE K. MANI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.7.2009 REGARDING DOUBLING OF ERNAKULAM-CHANGANASSERY RAIL LINE

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Following doubling of rail line and construction of road over bridge works are sanctioned between Ernakulam and Changanassery:- I. DOUBLING i. Ernakulam-Mulanturutti (17.37 km)
ii. Mulanturutti-Kuruppantara (24 kms)
iii. Kuruppantara-Chingavanam (26.54 km)
iv. Chingavanam-Changanassery-Chengannur (26.50 kms)

Some Road over bridge works have also been taken up as part of above patch doublings. II. ROAD OVER BRIDGE (ROB) i. ROB in lieu of level crossing No. 2 at Punnurunni between Ernakulam and Tirutunnithura stations.

ii. ROB in lieu of level crossing No. 33 at Kumaranallur between Ettumannur and Kumaranallur (H) stations.

iii. ROB in lieu of level crossing No. 36 at Mooledam between Kottayam and Chingavanam stations.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Following modernization works have been taken up for Kottayam railway station:- i. Improvements to goods approach road and lighting.
ii. Emergency lights for all Platforms.
iii. Provision of additional terminals.
iv. Provision of modern signages.
v. Provision of split/flap type trains arrival/departure boards.
vi. Provision of Plasma based Arrival/Departure display boards (2 nos).
vii. Provision of electronic reservation chart display.