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RAILWAY LINE PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of new line projects on Bhind-Gwalior, Bhind-Etawah, Guna-Etawah sections along with the reasons for delay in completion thereof;
- (b) the present status of new line project on Port Blair-Diglipur section which was announced in 2010-11;
- (c) the present status of new line project on Bangriposi-Gorumahishani section; and
- (d) the broad time-frame set for completion of all these projects along with the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a): "Bhind-Gwalior", "Bhind-Etawah" and "Guna-Etawah" sections are all parts of the "Guna-Etawah" new line project. This is a 345 km long project out of which Guna-Gwalior -Bhind section (309 km) has already been completed and commissioned. Work on Bhind-Etawah (36 km) section is also in an advance stage of execution and is targeted to be completed in 2013-14. The work on this section was delayed due to abnormal delay in grant of forestry clearance.

(b)to(d): Surveys for "Port Blair-Diglipur" and "Bangriposi-Gorumahishani" new lines have not yet been completed. Since these are not sanctioned projects, the question of their date of completion etc. does not arise at the stage.