

- (e) if so, the details thereof ; and
 (f) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) to (f) A Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) has been in operation in the country since 1986. The programme aims to :

(a) inter-alia accelerate the coverage of rural population below the poverty line with sanitation facilities, to generate felt need to, awareness generation, etc. and to eradicate manual scavenging. In addition to the construction of individual sanitation latrines with subsidy for below poverty households, the programme component also includes :

- (a) conversion of dry latrines into low cost sanitary latrines,
 (b) construction of village sanitary complexes for women,
 (c) setting up of sanitary marts, and
 (d) campaigns for awareness generation, etc.

As per guidelines, a maximum unit cost of Rs. 2500 has been fixed. 80% of the unit cost is subsidy, equally contributed by the Government of India and the State Government. 20% of the unit cost is to be borne by the beneficiaries.

Almost all the States are implementing the programme as per national norms. Only a few States have expressed their difficulty in the construction of latrines within the prescribed cost ceiling.

Though Maharashtra had represented, it was informed to them, based on the technological options developed by the Ministry, the existing cost norms were found to be more than sufficient to meet the requirements. The State Government has also been apprised the wide range of low-cost, appropriate technological options that could help in reducing the per unit costs, and any further enhancement of the unit cost would reduce the extent of physical coverage and that costs in excess of Rs. 2500/- should be borne by the beneficiary.

Gauge Conversion

*331. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) the total length of metre gauge in the country at present ;
 (b) the names of places in Maharashtra and other States having metre gauge railway lines with state-wise breakup;
 (c) whether the Government propose to convert

these metre gauge lines into broad gauge under the phased programme; and

- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The total length of metre gauge (route kilometre) in the country as on 31.3.1997 (latest available) is 17,044 Kms.

(b) The State-wise details of places having metre gauge lines are not maintained. However, the State-wise breakup of metre gauge lines is given below :

S.No.	State/Union Territory	Length of M.G. lines (Route Kms.)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1015
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3.	Assam	1903
4.	Bihar	1427
5.	Delhi	22
6.	Gujarat	2532
7.	Haryana	322
8.	Karnataka	717
9.	Kerala	117
10.	Madhya Pradesh	500
11.	Maharashtra	542
12.	Manipur	1
13.	Mizoram	1
14.	Nagaland	13
15.	Rajasthan	2916
16.	Tamil Nadu	2477
17.	Tripura	45
18.	Uttar Pradesh	2019
19.	West Bengal	463

Union Territories

1.	Pondicherry	11
Total		17044

(The remaining States/Union Territories have no metre gauge railway line.)

(c) and (d) There is no plan to convert all the MG lines to BG. However, some of these lines have been identified for conversion to BG in the action plan, under Project Unigauge taken up by the Railways. Out of these, some lines have already been included in the budget and the works are in progress. The details of lines included in the action plan and those on which work is in progress are as under :

States & Railway Sections	Included in action plan	Included in budget work in progress	Remarks
ANDHRA PRADESH			
Mudkhed-Adilabad (162 kms)	32.00	32.00	
Tirupati-Pakala-Katpadi	106.98	106.98	
Guntakal-Dharmavaram	101.54	50.54	Dharmavaram-Kalluru to be lifted.
Dharmavaram-Pakala	227.42	227.42	⊙
Malkajgiri-Maula Ali	4.90	4.90	
Guntakal-Hospet (Part)	20.00	20.00	
Mudkhed-Secunderabad	179.79	179.79	
Naupada-Gunupur (90 km)	36.00	36.00	⊙
Janampt-Bhadan	19.93	19.93	
Total :	728.56	677.56	
ASSAM & N E STATES			
Dhubri-Fakiragram	66.16		
Baliapara-Bhalukpong	34.04		
Rangia-Murkong Selek	449.88		
Rangapara North-Tezpur	26.41		
Lumding-Silchar	214.82	214.82	
Badarpur-Dharamanagar-Kumarghat	117.82		
Baraigram-Dullabcherra	28.85		
Makum-Dangari	30.77	30.77	
New Jalpaiguri-Silliguri-Bongaigaon (Part)	73.00	73.00	⊙
Bongaigaon-Guwahati	145		to be lifted.
Katakhal-Bairabhi as Ph.I of extn. to Sairang	83.57	83.57	⊙
Total :	1270.32	402.16	
BIHAR			
Narkatiaganj-Valmikinagar	59.09	59.09	
Mansi-Saharsa	43.67	43.67	
Saharsa-Forbesganj	110.68		
Jaynagar-Darbhanga-Narkatiaganj	259.11	259.11	⊙
Samastipur-Khagaria	86.09	86.09	⊙
Samastipur-Bachhwara-Barauni	48.7		to be lifted.
Ranchi-Lohardanga	70.14	70.14	
Katihar-Jogbani	108.00	108.00	⊙
Total :	785.48	626.10	
DELHI			
Delhi-Rewari	22.00	22.00	
Total :	22.00	22.00	
GUJARAT			
Samdari-Bhildi (225 kms)	43.00	43.00	
Patan-Mehsana	39.65	39.65	
Viramgam-Mehsana	64.21	64.21	
Rajkot-Veraval	186.56	186.56	
Maliya-Miyana-Wankaner	96.75	96.75	

States & Railway Sections	Included in action plan	Included in budget work in progress	Remarks
Gandhidham-Bhuj	58.03	58.03	
Surendernagar-Bhavnagar, Dhola-Dhasa-Mahua & linked	364.09	364.09	
Dharandara-Kuda	33.00	33.00	⊙
Gandhidham-Palanpur	313.00	313.00	⊙
Narrow Gauge lines	195		
Total :	1393.29	1198.29	
HARYANA			
Rewari-Sadalpur (144 km)	120.00	120.00	⊙
Delhi-Rewari	52.92	52.92	
Hissar-Bikaner (Part)	41.00		
Total :	213.92	172.92	
KERALA			
Quilon-Tenkasi-Virdhunagar-Tenkasi-Tirunevelli-Trichandur (357 kms)	102.00	102.00	⊙
Total :	102.00	102.00	
KARNATAKA			
Mysore-Chamarajnagar	60.78	60.78	⊙
Hospet-Guntakal (Part)	45.39	45.39	
Sakleshpur-Manglore	146.70	146.70	
Manglore-Thokkur	21.67		to be lifted.
Bayapanhalli-Yeshwantpur	18.00	18.00	
Bijapur-Gadag (300 kms)	190.15	190.15	
Shimoga-Talguppa	97.28	97.28	
Chickballapur-Bangarpet	85.00		
Total :	664.97	558.30	
MADHYA PRADESH			
Nonera-Bhind	39.00	39.00	
Neemuch-Ratlam	122.98	122.98	
Indore-Kandawa	138.76		
Ratlam-Indore	118.65		
Chandravati Ganj - Ujjain	22.96		
Kandwa -Akola (Part)	81		
Jabalpur-Gondia incl. Balaghat-Katangi (283 kms)	255.79	255.79	
Total :	779.14	417.77	
MAHARASHTRA			
Mudkhed-Adilabad (162 kms)	139.00	139.00	
Miraj-Latur	325.91	325.91	
Jabalpur-Gondia incl. Balagat- Katangi (283 kms)	18.00	18.00	
Sholapur-Hotagi	16.00	16.00	
Khandwa-Purna	301.86		
Pachora-Jamner NG			
Secunderabad- Mudkhed	61.07	61.07	
Total :	861.84	559.98	

States & Railway Sections	Included in action plan	Included in budget work in progress	Remarks
ORISSA			
Rupsa-Bangriposi	89.00	89.00	
Naupada-Gunupur	54.00	54.00	⊙
Total :	143.00	143.00	
RAJASTHAN			
Bandikui-Agra	151.00	151.00	
Luni-Munabao	299.00	299.00	
Sriganganagar-Sarupsar	126.00	126.00	⊙
Rewari-Ringus-Phulera	173.01		
Samdari-Bhildi (225 kms)	182.00	182.00	
Bikaner-Ratangarh-Hissar	267.11		
Marwar-Mavli-Barisadri	233.66		
Pipar RD - Bilara	41.14	41.14	
Sri Ganganagar-Hanumangarh	57.00		
Jaipur-Phulera-Ajmer	144.62		
Chittorgarh-Neemuch	56		to be lifted
Ajmer-Chittorgarh-Udaipur	300.00	300.00	
Rewari-Sadulpur (141 km)	39.00	39.00	⊙
Total :	2069.54	1138.14	
TAMIL NADU			
Madras-Trichy chord	340.29	340.29	
Dindigul-Trichy	92.61	92.61	
Arakkonam-Chengalpattu	63.00	63.00	
Thanjavur-Villupuram	192.00	192.00	⊙
Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tenkasi-Virudunagar-Tirunelveli-Trichandur (357 kms)	256.00	256.00	⊙
Villupuram-Pondicherry	38.00	38.00	⊙
Madurai-Rameshwaram	161.00	161.00	⊙
Thanjavur-Nagore	85.00	85.00	
Total :	1227.90	1227.90	
UTTAR PRADESH			
Valmikinagar-Gorakhpur	90.04	90.04	
Mathura-Achnera	35.00	35.00	
Gonda-Gorakhpur loop with Anandnagar-Nautanwa and Gainsari-Jarwa	274.93	274.93	⊙
Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura and Bareilly- Kasganj	467.23	467.23	
Kashipur-Lalkuan	58.34	58.34	
Gonda-Bahraich	60.34	60.34	⊙
Indara-Phephna	50.31	50.31	
Total :	1036.19	1036.19	
WEST BENGAL			
New Jalpaiguri-New Bangaigaon (Part)	120.97	120.97	⊙
Bankura-Rainagar	96	96	⊙
Total :	216.97	216.97	
G. Total :	11515.12	8499.28	

⊙ Work shown in progress as included in the budget but clearances are yet to be obtained.