

NAME OF PROJECT	PRESENT PROGRESS
NEW LINES	
i. Amravati-Narkhed	The work is in progress. Earthwork has been taken up on 18 out of 27 sections and 90% work on Amravati station building has been completed.
ii. Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vajinath	The Final Location Survey has been completed for 15 kms. from Ahmednagar end and land acquisition proceedings are in progress together with construction of station building at Beed. Work would be take up, once State Government makes available the land.
iii. Baramati-Lonand via Phaltan	The work has been included in the Budget, 1997-98 and will be taken up after the requisite clearances have been obtained.

(b) The gauge conversion of Gondia-Nagbhid-Chanda Fort section has been completed. Work on the parallel additional line between Chanda Fort-Ballarshah is in progress and is presently targetted for completion by 31.12.98.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Due to the unremunerative nature of the line and the severe resource constraints being faced by Railways, the project could not be considered further.

(e) and (f) A survey for gauge conversion of Nagpur-Nagbhid line has been taken up. Further consideration of the project will be possible, once the survey report becomes available.

[English]

Slum Improvement Programme

1334. SHRI A. SIDDARAJU : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released for Slum Improvement Programmes during 1997-98, State-wise; and

(b) the number of slums improved during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) and (b) Under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) during 1997-98, Rs. 268.39 crores were released by the Department of Expenditure as Additional Central Assistance to States. The details of State-wise released of funds given in the enclosed Statement. This programme is monitored at the State level.

Prior to July 1996, Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS) was a part of Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) thereafter, it was replaced by Basic

Minimum Services Programme. Hence, Annual Plan 1996-97 onwards, Planning Commission do not separately indicate the outlays approved under MNP in the approval letters issued by the Planning Commission. As per the information available with this Ministry about 8.85 lakhs slum dwellers were benefited under this programme by Feb., 1998 during the year 1997-98.

Statement

Release of Additional Central Assistance for Slum Development Scheme 1997-98

(Rupees in lakhs)

S. No.	States	Amount Allocated	Amount Released
1	2	3	4
I. SPECIAL CATEGORY STATES:			
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	100	88
2.	Assam	284	207
3.	Himachal Pradesh	100	88
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	418	374
5.	Manipur	100	88
6.	Meghalaya	100	88
7.	Mizoram	100	88
8.	Nagaland	100	88
9.	Sikkim	100	88
10.	Tripura	100	88
	TOTAL-I:	1502	1285
II. NON-SPECIAL CATEGORY STATES:			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2945	2205