

**Rail connectivity to coal and iron ore mines**

1360. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy for rail connectivity to coal and iron ore mines across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether as per the new policy, private sector can also participate in the rail connectivity projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) No, Sir. However, providing Rail connectivity to coal and iron ore mines across the country is an ongoing activity of Railways.

(b) Ministry of Railways in consultation with Ministry of Power and Ministry of Coal have jointly identified 30 Coal connectivity projects for swift evacuation and transportation of coal during Twelfth Five Year Plan period and beyond. The list of important coal and iron ore connectivity projects are:—

Sl. No.	Name of the coal connectivity projects
1	2
1.	Piparwar Railway Siding of CCL
2.	Ashoka Siding of CCL
3.	Tori-Shivpur New BG Line
4.	Shivpur-Kathautia
5.	Shivpur-Chatti Bariatu (14 km.) and Hazaribagh-Banadag (9 km.) Sidings
6.	Koderma-Hazaribagh-Barkakana-Ranchi New Line (189 km.)
7.	Koderma-Tillaiya New Line (64 km.)
8.	Renovation of Chainpur-Sarubera Siding

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9.	Completion of balance work of Dhorī Siding of CCL
10.	Improvement of Dudhi Chua Siding of NCL
11.	Modification of Dudhi Chua Yard for 2nd Silo of NCL
12.	New Railway Siding for Block-B Project of NCL
13.	Complete track renewal at Shaktinagar to Jayant Silo of NCL including improvement to Jayant and Spur Siding
14.	Balance work of KBJ railway line between Krishnashila and Shaktinagar Railway Station
15.	PRE system Amlohri and Nigahi
16.	Krishnashila Railway Siding
17.	Diversion of fire affected railway lines in Jharia area of BCCL
18.	Angul-Talcher bulb Line
19.	Rail Corridor connecting Angul-Talcher Line
20.	Rail Connectivity Project from Bhadrachalam to Sattupalli New Line Project — (56.25 km.)
21.	Pvt. Siding on Pvt. Land between Jharsuguda-Barpalli-Sardega including Dhutra to serve M/s MCL in CKP Division.
22.	Coal connectivity projects in Mand area in SECR.
23.	Construction of railway siding at Lakhanpur Coalfields of Bishrampur area
24.	New Railway siding at Kusmunda area
25.	Construction of new siding parallel to old siding at Bhatgaon area
26.	Survey work for finalisation of alignment for Magadh and Amarpali Railway siding
27.	Renovation of CP Siding of Giridih of B&K area

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28.	Renovation of Swang siding in Adra division and Jarandih railway siding of CCL under Dhanbad division
29.	Temporary connectivity of Lingaraj siding with Talcher Main Line
30.	Provision of 2nd siding at Himgir station, Kanika

Sl. No.	Railway	Name of iron ore/steel connectivity projects
1	2	3
1.	South Eastern Railway	Rajkharswan-Sini-3rd line
2.	South Eastern Railway	Bimlagarh-Dumitra
3.	South Eastern Railway	Sini-Adityapur (22.5 km.) 3rd line
4.	South Western Railway	Toranagallu-Rajithpura (2.9 Km.)
5.	East Coast Railway	Kirandul-Jadgalpur (150 km.)
6.	South Eastern Railway	Goelkera-Manoharpur 3rd line (40 km.)
7.	Southern Railway	Kankanadi-Panambur Patch Doubling (19 km.)
8.	East Coast Railway	Banspani-Daitari-Tomka-Jakhapura (180 km.)
9.	South Eastern Railway	Dangoaposi-Rajkharswan 3rd line
10.	South Eastern Railway	Champajharan-Bimlagarh (21 km.)
11.	Southern Railway	Omalur-Metturdam Patch Doubling with electrification
12.	South Eastern Railway	Rajkharswan-Chakradharpur 3rd line (20 km.)
13.	South Eastern Railway	Manoharpur-Bondamanda 3rd line (30 km.)
14.	East Coast Railway	Angul-Sukinda Road (98.7 km.)
15.	East Coast Railway	Daitari-Banspani (155 km.)
16.	East Coast Railway	Dallirajahara-Jagdalpur (235 km.)

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17. East Coast Railway		Talcher-Bimlagarh (154 km.)
18. South Western Railway		Hospet-Hubli-Londa-Tinaighat-Vosco-de-Gama (352.28 km.)

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The new policy has been issued by this Ministry dated 10.12.2012. There are 5 generic models – Non-Government, Railway Model, JV Model, Railway Projects on BOT awarded through Competitive Bidding, Capacity Augmentation with funding provided by customers and Capacity Augmentation-Annuity Model in which State Governments, Local Bodies, Beneficial Industries, Ports, Large import and export companies, Co-operative Societies and other Body Corporate, Infrastructure and Logistics providers, PIO/Overseas Corporate Bodies (OCB), Foreign Direct Investor and other Investors.

#### **Connectivity of Bhopal with pilgrimage places of Uttarakhand**

†1361. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct train to Haridwar, Rishikesh and Dehradun from Bhopal and whether Government is aware of this problem of millions of passengers travelling from Bhopal to pilgrimage sites of Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to overcome this problem and the time frame by which this problem would be solved; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Bhopal-Haridwar sector is presently being served by 2 pairs of trains *viz.* 12171/12172 Lokmanya Tilak (T) — Haridwar A.C. Express (Bi-weekly) and 12687/12688 Chennai-Dehradun Express (weekly). Similarly, Bhopal-Dehradun is being served by one pair of train *viz.* 12687/12688 Chennai-Dehradun Express (weekly). At present, there is no direct train between Bhopal and Rishikesh. However, introduction of trains on Indian Railways is an on-going process subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources etc.

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