

The shortfall was mainly due to the low system demand, delay in the stabilisation of newly commissioned units, inadequate supply and unsatisfactory quality of coal etc.

Replacement of Diesel Traction with Electric Traction

2014. SHRI NAKUL NAYAK: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps for the replacement of diesel traction with electric traction;

(b) if so, the progress made in different zones in that direction so far; and

(c) the specific steps taken in that direction in the South-Eastern Railway as on 31 March, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir, only on such sections where electrification is justified.

(b) Route kilometres electrified in different zones, as on 31.3.90, are as under:—

<i>Railways</i>		<i>RKMS. Electrified</i>
1	2	3
1.	Central	1859
2.	Eastern	1259
3.	Northern	945
4.	Southern	646
5.	South Central	891
6.	South Eastern	2158
7.	Western	1494
8.	North Eastern	—
9.	North-East Frontier	—
Total		9252

(c) South Eastern has the highest electrified route kilometres as compared to any other zonal railway.

[Translation]

Bilada-Ber and Medta City-Ajmer Railway Line

2015. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will

the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct and open for traffic railway lines from Bilada to Ber and Medta City to Ajmer;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?