

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3716
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2001
RENEWAL OF TRACKS
AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the target set for track renewal by the Indian Railways during the last three years and the extent to which it was achieved;
- (b) the total tracks due for renewal as on date;
- (c) whether the Government have fixed any target for renewal for the remaining tracks in the country;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard;
- (e) whether track renewal goes through at a slow speed;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the steps taken to renew track fastly ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O.RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (g): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT RECORDED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3716 BY SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.8.2001 REGARDING RENEWAL TRACKS.

(a): The targets of track renewal were 2710 kms., and 3250 kms. Respectively for the year 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001. Progress achieved during the 3 years was 2967 kms., 3006 kms. And 3250 kms. Respectively.

(b): 12500 kms of track on Broad Gauge, 5000 kms on Meter Gauge and Narrow Gauge was due for renewal as on 1.4.2001.

(c) & (d): The yearly targets for track renewal are fixed after likely availability of funds within the plan size of the Railways is known.

(e) to (g): No, Sir. The pace of renewal is commensurate with the funds available.