

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RENEWAL OF OLD TRACKS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the cost of laying one kilometer of rail line in India in comparison to other countries;
- (b) the length of overaged rail lines which have been identified by the Railways stand in the need of immediate replacement and the cost involved therein; and
- (c) the target set for the renewal of said track?

Answer

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- (a): The cost of laying rail line depends on terrain, geological features, gauge, type of Track material, cost of labour, machinery and plant. It varies from place to place, hence comparison between two places or countries is not possible.
- (b): The condition of rail lines is continuously monitored and replacements are planned well in advance. There is no length of rail length, which needs immediate (emergency) replacement, which is necessitated only in case of accidents or natural calamities.
- (c): Does not arise.