

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:355
ANSWERED ON:05.02.2004
PRIORITY PROJECTS
SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of railway projects are completed on the basis of relative priority;
- (b) if so, the criteria for such relative priority;
- (c) the railway projects brought under the relative priority during last year;
- (d) the percentage of works undertaken under the above mentioned projects during last year;
- (e) whether the works undertaken are upto the mark; and
- (f) if not, the reaction of the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO OF STARRED QUESTION NO.355 BY SHRI SHIVAJI MANE AN M.P. JAISWAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05-02-2004 REGARDING PRIORITY PROJECTS.

(a) to (f): The prioritization of railway projects under plan heads new line and gauge conversion was approved by the Government in November, 1998 as per which the projects were prioritized in various categories so as to enable allocation of resources on a rational basis with a view to progressively complete the projects. The projects were categorized in the following categories:-

Prioritization Description
Category

A1 Completed Projects, residual works in progress.
A2 Viable Projects/those required
A3 Projects nearing completion and those which will get completed in IX Plan

B1 Projects in Jammu & Kashmir for anew lone and Projects taken up
on strategic consideration for gauge conversion

B2 Projects in North Eastern Region

B3 Projects involving major bridges costing over Rs.100 crore for anew
line projects

C Socially Desirable Projects

C1 Projects already cleared

C1A Projects having higher priority amongst C1

C1B Other projects not covered under C1A

C2 Projects which were then to be cleared. These projects have since
been cleared and transferred to C1a and C1B.

No new railway project has been brought under the above prioritization categories during 2002-03. Only one project of new line from Kolayat to Phalodi was included in the budget 2002-03 which is being funded through Defence Funds.