

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3313
ANSWERED ON:05.02.2004
DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY NETWORK
REENA CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government had decided to spend a fixed percentage of amount of the Railway Budget (Demand for Grant) for the development of Railway network in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the amount actually spent during each of the last three years and the current year so far;
- (d) whether the amount spent is in accordance with the decision taken by the Government; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3313 BY SHRIMATI REENA CHOUDHARY AND SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05-02-2004 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY NETWORK.

(a) to (e): From 2002-03, the percentage share of the available funds to different States is being calculated based on a transparent formula based on three major criteria, viz., the area, population of the State and the throwforward of the projects in States. Weightage given to these three criteria is in the ratio of 15 % , 15% and 70% respectively.

The available funds for this allotment are calculated as follows. Of the budgetary support available for capital expenditure approximately 70% is kept for projects. From this 70%, allocation as first made for works in the North Eastern States which has to be 10% of the total, for Metropolitan Transport Projects, Mega Bridges and Railways' share of projects in which States have contributed a two-third share as is being given by the State of Jharkhand. The balance constitutes the "available funds" which has been distributed in different States on the basis of the above formula.

The details of expenditure is kept projectwise and Railwaywise. The total amount spent on railway projects under plan heads New Lines, Gauge Conversion, Doublings, Metropolitan Transport Projects and Railway Electrifications during the last three years is as follows:

(Rs. In crore)

Plan Head	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
New Lines	722.70	885.92	1415.11
Gauge Conversion	509.01	739.77	847.52
Doublings	527.30	603.29	583.41
Metropolitan Transport Project	266.24	282.93	314.15
Railway Electrification	304.83	271.34	251.97

The expenditure incurred during the current year on Railway projects will be known at the end of the year after finalization of accounts.

The actual expenditure on the project depends on the progress of the work, land acquisition, Law and order situation and other

extraneous factors.