

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme for doubling of railway lines connecting sea ports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of projects under which new lines are to be laid;
- (d) the total amount likely to be spent for laying of the said railway lines;
- (e) whether the construction work of such lines has been started;
- (f) if so, whether the progress of doubling of railway line work is slow;
- (g) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (h) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. A non-budgetary investment initiative for strengthening of Golden Quadrilateral, its diagonals and Port/Hinterland Connectivity of Indian Railways, viz. National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY) has been announced on 15th August, 2002. 9 New Line, 12 Gauge Conversion & 8 Doubling Port/Hinterland Connectivity projects are covered under NRVY. NRVY envisages strengthening of rail connectivity to ports at a sanctioned cost of nearly Rs.3,000 crore. The approximate/ anticipated costs at present of laying the 9 new lines and 8 doublings are Rs.3038.81 crore and Rs.785.12 crore respectively.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): No, Sir.

(g): Does not arise.

(h): Does not arise.