

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNIZATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways need Rs. 60,000 crore to complete its various proposed modernization and infrastructure development projects to achieve the targeted growth of 9%;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have taken initiatives to generate/mobilize the required funds to achieve the growth target;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken by the Railways to generate/mobilize the required funds?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Railway Modernization Plan had envisaged an investment of around Rs. 24,000 crores for various works. It is also to be mentioned that modernization of Railways is a continuous process and funds are being made available in the Annual Plan as per requirement subject to overall availability of resources. For infrastructure development projects like New lines, Gauge Conversion, Doubling, Railway Electrification and Metropolitan Transport Projects, a total of 296 projects are in progress, which will require an investment of over Rs 61,000 crores.

(c) to (e): Railways Plan Outlay is funded from three sources viz., Budgetary Support from General Exchequer, Internal Resources generated by the Railways and Market Borrowing. With improved performance due to enhancement in throughput capacity and rationalization of operating expenditure, Railways have improved internal generation and would target investible surplus of around Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 16,000 cr. per annum during the XI Five Year Plan period. Besides this, funds would also be raised through Market Borrowing and through Public Private Partnership (PPP) models. However, to complete the various infrastructural projects, substantial amount of Budgetary Support during the XI Plan would be essential.