

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY NETWORK

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

(a) whether there is a great imbalance in the country regarding railway network while on the one hand there are thousands kilometre long rail lines in certain States and on the other hand the length of rail line is negligible or almost negligible;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways propose to lay rail lines in the States where there is a acute shortage of railway network; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): The national average of route Kms. per 1000 square kms. of the area is 19.26 as on 31.03.2006 . There are States which are below national average in respect of track route km. A number of new line projects are in progress in various States. However, there is no specific policy to bring all States at par with the national average so far as route length, per 1000 square km. of the area is concerned.