

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3248
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2010
EXPANSION OF RAILWAY NETWORK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the growth rate of upgradation and expansion of railway network from 1950-51 to 2007-08 with its freight rates during the same period;
- (b) the average km. of new rail track added each year, during the period and how does it compare with China; and
- (c) the present status of ongoing track projects covering a sanctioned length in km. ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3248 BY SHRI DHRUVA NARAYANA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.04.2010 REGARDING EXPANSION OF RAILWAY NETWORK.

(a): Upgradation and expansion of the Indian Railways network is a continuous process. During the period 1950-51 to 2007-08, while the route kilometres of Indian Railways have grown from 53,596 Km to 63,273 Km at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of around 0.29%, the Running Track Kilometres grew from 59,315 km to 85,158 km at a CAGR of 0.64% and the Electrified route grew from 388 km to 18,274 km at a CAGR of 6.99%. The freight rates (average rate per tonne km) increased from 3.16 paise to 89.04 paise during the above period at a CAGR of 6.03%.

(b) & (c): On an average 169.77 Km of new line track was added from 1950-51 to 2007-08. No data with regard to expansion of Chinese Railways is being maintained by Ministry of Railways. At present, 122 new line projects are in progress, and on completion these would add around 12,000 Km to the existing network. Railways have decided to step up the rate of laying of new lines. The Vision 2020 document of the Railways envisages laying of 25,000 Kms. of new line by the year 2020. Accordingly, an enhanced target of laying 1,000 Kms. of new lines has been indicated in the Budget 2020-11.