

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:604
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2011
TRACK LAYING CAPACITY
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to increase its track laying capacity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of railway track laid by the Railways during the last three years, zone-wise, year-wise;
- (d) whether the Railways have been facing several bottlenecks in laying railway tracks in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken to address the situation?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 604 BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.02.2011 REGARDING TRACK LAYING CAPACITY

(a) & (b): In its endeavour to connect all parts of the country, Indian Railways have fixed higher target for laying New Lines. Accordingly, against the progress of 258 Km achieved in 2009-10, for 2010-11 a target for completion of 1000 Km of new lines has been fixed.

(c): The details of the railway track laid by the Indian Railways during last three years, zone -wise and year-wise is given in Appendix.

(d) & (e): Railways face various problems during project execution, many of which are beyond its control. Important amongst these being (i) problems connected with land availability, (ii) law and order situation, extremist activities, (iii) cost escalation of material during the period, and (iv) timely availability of environmental and forestry clearances, etc.

(f): To expedite completion of the ongoing projects as also to avoid cost and time overrun, the Railways are making efforts to generate additional funds through measures other than Gross Budgetary Support. Besides, Railways have introduced "Railway Infrastructure Investment Initiative" (R3i) policy for attracting private sector participation in rail connectivity projects. The measures adopted such as Public Private Partnership, participation by State Governments/beneficiaries, additional funds for National Projects as also implementation through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited have started yielding positive results.