

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2668  
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FREIGHT SERVICES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railway zones provide adequate freight services to meet the growing demand of freight services in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the investment planning chalked out in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Railway Zones have adequately catered to the demand for freight services. Originating freight loading on Indian Railways has grown from a level of 602.78 MT in 2004-05 to 833.31 MT in 2008-09.

(c): Expansion of network and capacity augmentation is an ongoing process. During 2009-10, construction of 250 Km. of New Line, 1300 Km. of Gauge Conversion and 700 Km. of Doubling has been planned for which outlays amounting to Rs.4560.70 crore, 2863.75 crore and 2703.35 crore respectively has been provided. Further, an outlay of Rs.12394.12 crore has been provided for procurement of rolling stock.