

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:274
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2012
EXPANSION PLAN OF RAILWAYS
Singh Shri Ganesh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any plan for speedy expansion of the Indian Railways networks, modernization of services and providing high quality services to the passengers at low cost and to achieve 10 percent annual growth rate;
- (b) if so, the outline of the said plan;
- (c) whether steps have been taken to accelerate Railway's traffic growth towards the said direction; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the further measures contemplated to achieve the said objectives?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MUKUL ROY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 274 BY SHRI GANESH SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.08.2012 REGARDING EXPANSION PLAN OF RAILWAYS

(a) to (d): Network expansion, modernization and provision of higher quality passenger services at affordable prices are ongoing activities which are taken up by Railways through the Five Year Plans and the Annual Plans. In the Twelfth Five Year Plan (for the years 2012 to 2017), for network expansion and modernization, Railways have proposed to construct 2202 Kilometer of New Line, 3338 Kilometer of Western and Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridors, 3462 Kilometer of Gauge Conversion, 7635 Kilometer of Doubling and 6500 Kilometer of Electrification. Moreover, for speedy network expansion, Railways has also proposed a scheme, named Pradhan Mantri Rail Vikas Yojana which envisages creation of a non-lapsable fund of the order of `5 Lakh Crore funded through budgetary support towards investment in Railways for connecting remote and backward areas over next 10 years.

It is planned to increase the passenger transportation output from 1062 billion Passenger Kilometer (PKM) in 2011-12 to 1760 billion PKM in 2016-17 at an annual growth rate of 10.6% during the Twelfth Five Year Plan. The originating passengers are envisaged to grow from 8.12 billion to 11.7 billion during the Plan period at an annual growth rate of 7.5%. The measures proposed in the Twelfth Five Year Plan to provide higher quality passenger services at affordable prices include augmenting the load of the existing services on popular routes by adding coaches, enhancing speed of mail/express and passenger trains, introduction of faster moving Electrical Multiple Units (EMUs) and Diesel Multiple Units (DMUs), introduction of modern coaches with improved passenger amenities, decongestion of passenger terminals by providing extra platforms, development of alternate passenger terminals and redevelopment of stations. The proposed Twelfth Five Year Plan is under consideration of the Planning Commission and would acquire finality after our proposals have been approved by the Planning Commission.

To finance the Twelfth Plan, an outlay of ` 5.48 lakh crore has been proposed by Ministry of Railways to Planning Commission. For financing this outlay, adequate Gross Budgetary Support, successful implementation of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in identified areas and mobilization of internal resources through conventional and non-conventional means would be necessary. All efforts are being made for mobilizing these resources as the pace of network expansion and modernization will be dependent on availability of adequate budgetary support.