

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:119
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2009
EXPANSION OF RAIL NETWORK
Punia Shri P.L.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have set any targets for expansion of railway network in the country during the current Five Year Plan; and
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 119 BY SHRI P.L. PUNIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.11.2009 REGARDING EXPANSION OF RAIL NETWORK

(a) & (b): Targets for 11th Five Year Plan were fixed as 2000 km of new lines, 10000 km of gauge conversion and 6000 km of doublings. Project-wise targets are not fixed at the Plan preparation stage. The annual targets are fixed every year, keeping in view the progress of projects and the availability of resources. Targets are not fixed State-wise on a five year basis.

In the first two years of the Plan period, 513 km of new lines, 2112 km of gauge conversion and 789 km of doublings have been completed. For 2009-10, target of 250 km of new lines, 1300 km of gauge conversion and 700 km of doublings has been fixed.