

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1269  
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RENEWAL OF RAIL TRACKS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the cost of laying one kilometre rail line in the country as compared to other neighbouring countries;
- (b) the length of the old rail line identified for immediate track renewal in the country, State-wise and zone-wise;
- (c) the total funds likely to be incurred thereon and the allocation made during 2009-10 for the purpose; and
- (d) the time by which the renewal of said rail lines is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

(a): The cost of construction of new line depends on terrain, geological features, standard of formation and track, cost of labour and material etc. It varies from place to place. The cost of construction of new rail line in India is about Rs.5 to 6 Crore per Km in the non-hilly areas. The data for other countries is not maintained.

(b): Track Renewal is an ongoing activity.As soon as a stretch of track becomes due for renewal, action is taken to get its renewal sanctioned.There is no old rail line, which is identified for immediate renewal as immediate renewal is necessitated only in case of accidents or natural calamities.3500 KM of Complete Track Renewal (CTR Unit) have been identified for Track Renewal for the year 2009-10.Information about Track Renewal is not compiled State-wise but Railway-wise.Railway-wise figures are as under:-

Railway	Target	(CTR Units)	Railway	Target	(CTR Units)
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Central	234.5	North Western	161
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Eastern	133	Southern	195
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East Central	200	South Central	320
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East Coast	25	South Eastern	203.5
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Northern	725	South East Central	70.5
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North Central	229.5	South Western	177.5
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North Eastern	159.5	Western	320
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Northeast	117	West Central	287.5
Frontier			

(c): Allocation of Rs. 5135 crore (Gross) has been made for the year 2009-10.

(d): On an average, a Track Renewal work is completed in two to two and half years time. Track Renewal is a continuous activity being taken up every year.