

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAIL NETWORK IN WEST BENGAL
De Dr. Ratna

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated and spent for the development of railway network in West Bengal (WB) during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the reasons for unspent allocations during the said period;
- (c) the details of surveys conducted by the Railways for expansion of railway network in WB during the said period along with the present status thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Railways for expansion of rail network in WB?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

- (a)&(b): Details of allocation and expenditure on Railway projects is maintained project-wise and Zone-wise and not State-wise. However, it is stated that Rs. 9021 crore have been allocated during last 3 years and current financial year for execution of all the ongoing Railway projects of New Lines, Doubling and Gauge Conversion falling fully/partly in West Bengal.
- (c): During the last three years 37 surveys for the projects falling partly/fully in West Bengal have been conducted. After scrutiny of survey reports Out of these 37 surveys, 24 proposals have been sanctioned. 4 proposals have been shelved and 2 proposals have been sent to Planning Commission for 'in-principle' approvals.
- (d): 7 Nos. of New Line projects falling fully/partly in West Bengal covering a length of 254 km. have been taken up during last 3 years and current financial year. These projects on completion will further augment the Railway network in West Bengal.