

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:271

ANSWERED ON:29.08.2013

ACTION ON SURVEY REPORTS

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the railway lines for which surveys have been completed during the last three years, but laying of railway lines have not been undertaken, zone-wise;

(b) the reasons for the delay;

(c) whether socio-economic considerations are also kept in view besides remunerative and other factors while according priorities among such projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures being taken by the Railways to get such projects expedited?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 271 BY SHRI JAYWANTRAO AWALE AND SHRI SURESH KASHINATH TAWARE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.08.2013 REGARDING ACTION ON SURVEY REPORTS

(a) & (b): A total of 270 surveys have been completed during 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13. Zone-wise details of surveys for railway lines completed are as under:-

S. No.	Zone	New Line	Survey completed	Doubling
		Gauge Conversion		

1	Central Railway	8	1	1
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2	East Coast Railway	3	#	2
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3	East Central Railway	1	#	#
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4	Eastern Railway	21	#	2
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5	North Central Railway	9	1	3
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6	North Eastern Railway	9	2	#
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7	Northeast Frontier	30	3	4
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8 Northern Railway	36	1	7
9 North Western Railway	21	2	3
10 South Central Railway	21	#	4
11 South East Central Railway	7	2	1
12 South Eastern Railway	15	#	2
13 Southern Railway	14	1	5
14 South Western Railway	16	#	#
15 West Central Railway	1	#	#
16 Western Railway	10	2	2
Total	222	12	36

Out of the 270 completed surveys, 60 new line, 5 Gauge Conversion and 19 Doubling projects have been taken up. There has been no delay in this regard. Of the remaining 186 completed surveys, 24 have been shelved, 65 projects were sent to Planning Commission for their 'in principle' approval & 97 survey reports are at various stages of examination.

(c) to (e): Yes, Madam. Projects having rate of return more than 14% are considered to be financially remunerative. Some projects having rate of return less than 14% are taken up on socio-economic considerations. Survey reports are first examined in the Ministry for ascertaining feasibility, cost, justification and viability of the proposal. Proposals which are remunerative or on socio-economic considerations for development of economically backward areas are processed for sanction. Subject to total availability of funds, for all new line and gauge conversion projects, proposals are sent to Planning Commission for according 'In Principle' approval. New line and gauge conversion proposals costing upto ` 300 crores are sanctioned by Minister of Railway after receipt of 'In principle' approval. Proposals costing more than ` 300 crores are put up to Expanded Board for Railways. On the recommendation of Expanded Board, proposals are put up to Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs for approval.