

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:273
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2013
RENEWAL OF OLD RAILWAY TRACKS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the norms/parameters laid down for renewal of railway tracks in the country;
- (b) the details of the railway tracks in the country which have become due for renewal but are yet to be renewed/replaced and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the targets set and achieved for track renewal during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to complete the track renewal works as per schedule?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(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.273 BY DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.08.2013 REGARDING RENEWAL OF OLD RAILWAY TRACKS

(a) Track renewal is a continuous activity, which is undertaken as and when a stretch of track becomes due for renewal on the basis of criteria laid down in Indian Railway Permanent Way Manual that are as under:

- i) Expected Service Life in terms of Gross Million Tonnes carried
- ii) Incidence of rail fractures/failures
- iii) Wear on rails
- iv) Maintainability of track to prescribed standards
- v) Plan based renewals

(b) & (d) Track renewal is taken up for long as well as for short patches according to need. Works are sanctioned every year as per needs. Sanction for approximately 5243 km for track renewal (in Complete Track Renewal Units) are available as on 01.04.2013. Out of this, track renewal of 3000 km has been targeted for completion during 2013-14. Up to July, 2013, progress of 859 km has been achieved against proportionate target of 830 km. As per norms, works of track renewals are to be completed within two to three years of sanction. Track renewal works are prioritized according to the need and funds availability keeping in view of safe train operation as the topmost priority. Thus there is no delay in execution of the track renewal works.

(c) Track renewal targets and achievements during the last three years are as under:

In Complete Track Renewal Units (CTR Units)

Year	Target	Achievement
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2010-11	3150	3465
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2011-12	3000	3300
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2012-13 3000 3296

2013-14 3000 859
(Upto July,
2013)