

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1039  
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CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have proposed to speed up construction of railway lines in the Himalayan/ Mountainous region of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways seek assistance of foreign countries to develop rail network in the said region;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a) & (b): It has been Railway's endeavour to speed up construction of Railway lines in the Himalayan/Mountainous region of the country. 20 new line, 6 gauge conversion and 6 doubling projects falling fully/partly in Himalayan / Mountainous regions of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and North Eastern Region have been taken up at a total cost of ` 77073 Crore. An outlay of ` 6649 Crore have been provided in 2014-15 which is 96% higher than that provided in 2013-14.
- (c) to (e): Presently there is no proposal to seek assistance of foreign countries to develop rail network in the said region.