

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1913
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2015
STRENGTHENING OF RAILWAY NETWORK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total distance of single line railway tracks falling in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to convert all the single tracks to double and electrified tracks;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways for strengthening railway network in the State of Maharashtra?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1913 BY SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.03.2015 REGARDING STRENGTHENING OF RAILWAY NETWORK

(a): The total single line railway tracks in the State of Maharashtra is 3,757 kilometres.

(b) to (d): Doubling railway line projects are sanctioned on the basis of traffic needs, financial viability and availability of funds. However, 11 doubling projects falling partly or fully in the State of Maharashtra have been taken up.

Electrification of railway tracks is decided on the basis of financial viability, traffic volumes and operational flexibility. At present, electrification on Gondia – Ballarshah (250 Route Kilometres), Daund-Manmad including Puntamba-Shirdi (255 Route Kilometres), Kalumna-Saonga (55 Route Kilometres) single line sections are sanctioned or part of sanctioned electrification projects under Plan Head 'Railway Electrification', in the State of Maharashtra. Further, electrification of Apta-Thal (47 Route Kilometres) and Manmad-Mudkhed-Basar (430 Route Kilometres) of single line sections have also been proposed in Railway Budget 2015-16 under Plan Head 'Railway Electrification'. There is no proposal at present for electrification of other single line sections in the State of Maharashtra. However, for strengthening the rail network in Maharashtra, following ongoing Railway

Electrification (under Plan Head –'Railway Electrification') projects are in progress:-

(in crores)

NAME OF THE PROJECT & ROUTE	TOTAL RKM in Maha	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	EXPENDITURE TILL 2014-15	REVISED OUTLAY FOR 2014-15
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YEAR OF SANCTION	KILO -METRES (RKM)	-rashtra	31.03.14
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Daund-Manmad including Puntamba-Shirdi (2010-11)	255	255	344.79	329.79	27.18
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Gondia – Ballarshah (2010-11)	250	250	204.66	83.93	44.17
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Amla-	257	55	222.65	56.00	39.85
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