

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:970
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2015
FUNDS FOR EXTENSION OF RAILWAY LINES
Sundaram Shri P.R.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have decided to extend the railway line connectivity across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the budget allocated for this project; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 970 BY SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.03.2015 REGARDING FUNDS FOR EXTENSION OF RAILWAY LINES

(a) to (c): With the objective of extending Railway line connectivity across the country, Railways have taken up 154 New Line projects for construction of 17129 Km of New Lines at a total cost of `163448 Crore for laying additional New Line/Extend the length of railway line connectivity in various States. As on 1st April 2014, 3229 Km New Lines have been constructed and total expenditure against these 154 projects is `42330 Crore. For the current financial year 2014-15, a budgetary outlay of `7624 Crore has been provided for New Line projects & for 2015-16, an outlay of `8850 Crore has been proposed in the Railway Budget.

Allocation of funds to New Line projects is made on year to year basis, depending upon overall availability of funds, relative priority, status of land acquisition & other clearances, stages of projects etc. Because of large shelf of ongoing projects, limited availability of funds for New Line projects & factors such as land acquisition /forest clearances/law & order beyond the control of Railways no time lines can be fixed for completion of these projects.