

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1945
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2015
EXTENSION OF NEW RAILWAY LINES
Sahu Shri Tamradhwaj

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases for extension of new railway lines along with the time since which these are pending, State/UT-wise and Zone-wise;
- (b) the number of such new rail lines for which survey work is pending along with the present status thereof, State/UT-wise and Zone-wise including Chhattisgarh; and
- (c) the time by which survey work is likely to be completed and new railway lines to be functional?

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. 1945 BY SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.03.2015 REGARDING EXTENSION OF NEW RAILWAY LINES

(a) to (c): Requests for new lines, both formal as well as informal, are received by Railways at various levels i.e. Railway Board, Zonal Railways and Divisional Headquarters etc. As receipt of such complaints/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such letters is not maintained. Moreover, new lines generally straddle over more than one State and details of ongoing surveys is not maintained State-wise. However, zone-wise number of ongoing surveys for new lines, including those falling in Chhattisgarh, is as under:-

Zonal Railway	No. of ongoing survey for New Lines
Central	24
East Coast	18
East Central	25
Eastern	4
North Central	12
North Eastern	19
Northeast Frontier	6
Northern	39
North Western	11
South Central	14
South East Central	36
South Eastern	4
Southern	15
South Western	21
West Central	13
Western	27
Total	288

Surveys require investigation of one or more routes, in consultation with State Governments & forest department, to decide the most technically feasible alignment, interaction with State Government, trade and industries for assessment of traffic projections, preparation of plans and drawings for calculation of costs etc. Since this is an extensive exercise, hence it is not possible to fix time lines for completion of all these surveys and the lines being made functional.