

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5461
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2015
PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Northern Railway Gorakhpur is lagging behind in development work as compared to other railway zones;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of pending projects of North-Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur; and
- (d) the action plan of the Railway for time-bound completion of the said pending projects?

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. 5461 BY SHRI YOGI ADITYA NATH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.04.2015 REGARDING PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) to (c): Development works like network expansion, coaching and freight terminals, railway electrification, etc. are taken up in various zones based on traffic needs, strategic considerations, socio-economic factors, etc. subject to overall availability of funds and relative priority. Accordingly, 7 New Lines, 04 Gauge Conversion, 02 Doubling, 03 Railway Electrification, 02 Coaching and Freight Terminals have been taken up in North Eastern Railway (Gorakhpur). In addition, 01 New Line, 02 Doubling and 01 Railway Electrification projects have been included for this Zone in Railway Budget 2015-16 subject to requisite approvals.

(d): Completion of a railway project is dependent upon funds available for allotment, acquisition of land, statutory clearances like forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, cutting of trees, construction of road over bridges and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies, etc. Since many of these factors are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways, timelines for completion of all the projects are not feasible to be fixed. Various measures taken to expedite completion of projects include substantial increase in allocation of funds, prioritisation of projects, delegation of powers at field level, inviting the State Governments to participate with Railways for resource mobilisation for projects, nomination of nodal officers for improved co-ordination with the State Governments etc.