

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Double Track and Track Renewal Projects
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of double tracking projects in the country, State/Zone-wise;
- (b) the details of pending double-track projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh along with the expected time of completion of these pending projects;
- (c) the details of track renewal, track doubling or track-maintenance which are going on in the Visakhapatnam-Raipur sector; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways to avoid "Track Fracture" across the country?

Answer

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

(a): Since railway projects generally straddle over more than one State, details of ongoing projects is not maintained State-wise. However, Zone-wise details of ongoing doubling projects is appended. In addition to this, 77 doubling projects having length of 9386 Km & costing ` 95671 crore have been included in Railway Budget 2015-16 subject to requisite Government approvals.

(b): Six doubling projects covering a length of 517 Km, costing ` 4236 Crore falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh have been taken up. On these projects, an expenditure of ` 361 Crore has been incurred upto March, 2015. For the year 2015-16, an outlay of ` 692 Crore has been provided. In addition, 11 doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh covering a length of 2096 km, costing ` 20341 Crore have been included in Budget 2015-16 subject to requisite Government approvals.

(c): Against 78 Km of sanctioned Track Renewal in Vishakhapatnam-Raipur section, 18 Km of Track Renewal has been completed and balance Track Renewal taken up. In addition, other miscellaneous track works like Through Turn out Renewal (TTR), Through Weld Renewal (TWR) etc. have also been taken up in the above section. Track maintenance is a continuous process which is carried out as per scheduled frequency or need based. On this section, doubling of Raipur-Titlagarh (203km.) has been taken up. Balance section i.e. Titlagarh to Visakhapatnam is already double line. However, on this section, 3rd line work from Vizianagaram- Titlagarh has also been included in 2015-16 subject to requisite approvals.

(d): To avoid "Track Fracture" across the country measures like (1) Ultrasonic Flaw Detection testing as per laid down schedules, (2) Provision of Joggled Fish plates for overaged and defective Alumino Thermic Welds, (3) Painting of rails and welds in corrosion prone areas, (4) Rail Renewal in identified stretches in corrosion prone areas, (5) Through Weld Renewal in identified stretches, (6) Destressing of Long Welded Rails when required are taken up.
