

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2336  
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RAILWAY PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have conducted any study to distinguish between remunerative and unremunerative pending railway projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to complete the remunerative projects on priority basis;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the total cost estimated to be incurred on these projects, separately; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): Remunerative and unremunerative projects are distinguished based on rate of return worked out at the time of survey. Projects with rate of return 14% and above are considered remunerative.

Presently, there are 18 New Lines, 4 Gauge Conversions and 54 Doubling projects which are remunerative. The cost of these projects is `39,114 crores with a throwforward of `31,136 crores as on 01.04.2014.

There is a huge throwforward of ongoing projects and a limited overall availability of funds to complete them. As such, it is not possible to provide adequate funds to all the projects on a regular basis which is a pre-requisite to fix time lines.