

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:998

ANSWERED ON:17.07.2014

RAILWAY PROJECTS

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total length of railway lines laid in the country since independence, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Railways have been announcing the projects in the country without assessing the resources resulting in long pendency;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the remedial steps taken/being taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to pay special attention to the railway projects pending in hilly States particularly Himachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the present status of ongoing/pending railway projects in Himachal Pradesh along with the 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): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 998 BY SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR AND SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.07.2014 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a): State-wise details of length of Railway lines laid in the country since Independence are not maintained. However, Indian Railways has expanded its network and executed a large number of capacity enhancement works since Independence.

Since 1951, the network expansions works of more than 55,000 kilometres (including 15,076 kilometres New Lines, 22,667 kilometres gauge conversion and 17,871 kilometres doubling) have been completed.

(b) & (c): It is fact that Railways have a huge throw forward of ongoing projects and limited availability of funds to complete them. However, respecting public aspirations, Railways have been sanctioning new railway projects based on a large number of demands from public representatives, State Governments etc.

(d) & (e): Status of ongoing Railway projects falling fully/partly in Himachal Pradesh are as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

Project	Latest anticipated cost upto March 2014	Expenditure upto March 2014	Outlay proposed for 2014-15	Progress upto March 2014
Nangal - Talwara new line (83.74 kms.)	1036.78	365.84	20	55%
Bhanupalli - Bilaspur -Beri new line (63.1 kms.)	2966.98	40.74	10	5%
Chandigarh - Baddi New line (33.23 kms.)	328.14	0.19	4	Final location survey taken up.

All these projects are being progressed as per overall availability of funds.