

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1583
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023

RAILWAY SAFETY AND REPLACEMENT OF OLD RAILWAY ASSETS

1583. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- a) the amount (in Rupees) required by Railways to replace old assets, immediately;
- (b) the total amount spent on replacement of old assets and on other track and coach maintenance over the last five years;
- (c) the amount that will come from Railway's internal resources, Government budgetary support and other funds; and
- (d) the commitment for Rashtriya Railway Sanraksha Kosh (RRSK) and amount could Railways and Ministry of Finance contribute in the last five years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 1583 BY SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 15.12.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY SAFETY AND REPLACEMENT OF OLD RAILWAY ASSETS

(a) Replacement of railway assets viz. railway track, bridges, locomotives, wagons & signaling equipments is a continuous process, which is taken up on age-cum-condition basis under codal life provisions. Regular inspection of railway assets is carried out to ensure their fitness for service. Obsolete railway assets are condemned and replaced with new technology on age-cum-condition basis.

(b) & (c) The actual expenditure on replacement/upgradation of assets over the last 5 years is given below:

(₹ in Crore)

Year	Amount
2018-19	20407
2019-20	18557
2020-21	28529
2021-22	28517
2022-23	26855
Total	122865

The total expenditure ₹1,22,865 crore is funded to the extent of ₹78,501 crore from Gross Budgetary Support and balance from Internal Generation and Extra Budgetary Resources on Ministry of Railways. The outlay for Budget Estimate (BE) 2023-24 is ₹29,325 crore.

Capital expenditure on replacement of track is captured under Plan head 31-Track Renewals, while expenditure on replacement of coaching stock is included in Plan head 21-Rolling Stock. The actual expenditure on these Planheads, over the last five years is indicated in the following table:

(₹ In Crore)

Year	Track Renewals	Rolling Stock Programme
2018-19	9690	1815
2019-20	9391	1178
2020-21	13523	3466
2021-22	16558	2870
2022-23	16325	2034

The outlay in BE 2023-24 is ₹17,297 crore for PH-31 Track Renewals and ₹2000 crore for PH-21 Rolling Stock.

(d) Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh (RRSK) was introduced in 2017-18 for renewal/replacement/upgradation of critical safety assets with a corpus of ₹1 lakh crore for five year period. Currency of the Fund has been extended for another five year term from 2022-23 with Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) of ₹45000 crore.

In the last five years i.e. from 2018-19 to 2022-23, a gross expenditure of ₹1,05,378 crore has been incurred on RRSK works. This includes ₹65,000 crore from GBS and balance ₹40,378 crore from internal and extra budgetary resources by Ministry of Railways.