

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1377**  
**ANSWERED ON 02.08.2024**

**NATIONAL RAIL PLAN 2030**

1377# DR. BHIM SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of future plans of Indian Railways and whether the National Rail Plan 2030 has been prepared for this and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the manner in which the National Rail Plan 2030 would benefit the citizens and the States;  
and
- (c) the targets set for East Central Railway under the National Rail Plan 2030, the details thereof, division-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1377 BY DR. BHIM SINGH ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 02.08.2024 REGARDING NATIONAL RAIL PLAN 2030**

(a) and (b) To create a 'future ready' railway system, Indian Railways have prepared the National Rail Plan (NRP). It aims to formulate strategies based on both operational capacities and commercial policy initiatives to increase railway modal share to 40-45%. The objective of the Plan is to "create capacity ahead of demand", which in turn would cater to the future growth in the transport sector upto 2050. The National Rail Plan mainly focuses on:

- Estimation of rail freight share, demand forecast, rail network demand, capacity utilization and identification of bottlenecks; Reduction in transit time of freight by increasing the average speed of freight trains.
- Identification of future Dedicated Freight Corridors, High Speed Rail Corridors, High Density Networks and Highly Utilized Networks.
- Assessment of rolling stock and locomotives requirements for passenger and freight traffic and the total investment in capital.

Capacity creation as per NRP aims to make Indian Railways more efficient, cheaper, safer, greener and of global standard which would provide better passenger and freight services to the citizens of the country.

(c) As on 01.04.2024, a total of 53 railway projects (24 New Line, 01 Gauge Conversion and 28 Doubling) of total length of 4,230 km, costing ₹73,555 Cr in East Central Railway are in planning/approval/construction stages, out of which 934 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹24,043 Cr. has been incurred upto March 2024. Zone-wise details of all Railway Projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

The completion of any railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by the State Government, forestry clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project. With the above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.