

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1344
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.11.2016**

LINE EXPANSION PROGRAMME

1344. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved Railway infra-projects worth Rs. 21000/- in an effort to decongest the busy sectors in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether through these projects, the Railways will undertake a massive line expansion programme that involves track construction of a total length of 1937.38 Km. and if so, the details in this regard;**
- (c) the name of States which will be covered under this expansion programme;**
- (d) whether Delhi, Ambala, Chandigarh and Kolkata, Ambala-Amritsar corridors have been included in these projects; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(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. 1344 BY SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.11.2016 REGARDING LINE EXPANSION PROGRAMME

(a) to (e) : Yes, Madam. Government has approved 9 decongestion projects in August, 2016 which involve track construction of 1937.39 Km. Details of the projects, alongwith cost and States where they are situated are as under:-

S. No.	Name of the project	Length (in Km.)	Cost (in ₹ Crores)	States Covered
1	New Bongaigaon-Kamakhya doubling	176	2232.32	Assam
2	Kharagpur-Nimpura-Adityapur 3rd line	132	1312.44	West Bengal, Jharkhand
3	Rajanandgaon-Nagpur 3rd line	228.3	1908.51	Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra
4	Mathura-Jhansi 3rd line	273.8	3677.76	Uttar Pradesh
5	Jhansi-Bina 3rd line	152.57	2001.63	Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh
6	Itarsi-Nagpur 3rd line	280	2449.91	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra
7	Ballarshah- Kazipet 3rd line	201.04	2063.03	Maharashtra, Telangana
8	Vijaywada-Gudur 3rd line	287.68	3246	Andhra Pradesh
9	Jharsuguda-Bilaspur 4th line	206	1973.64	Odisha, Chhattisgarh
	Total	1937.39	20865.24	

Though projects are situated in a particular State but all decongestion projects such as doubling/3rd line/4th line are taken up to increase the throughput and improve fluidity of movement of trains which impacts entire network.
