

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1116
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2017**

RENEWAL AND REPAIR OF TRACKS

1116. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway accidents in the past three years that have happened due to defect in tracks leading to derailment;**
- (b) whether the Railways has any policy regarding renewal and repair of tracks and if so, the details regarding the same along with the implementation details for the past two years;**
- (c) whether the Railways has introduced LHB (Link Hoffmann Busch) coaches for non air-conditioned class travellers; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

(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 1116 BY SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.02.2017 REGARDING RENEWAL AND REPAIR OF TRACKS.

(a): The number of consequential train accidents on account of track defect and in combination with other departments leading to derailment in the last three years and in the current year (upto 31st January, 2017) is given as under:

Year	Number of consequential train accidents on account of track defect leading to derailment	Number of consequential train accidents on account of track defect in combination with other departments leading to derailment	Total number of consequential train accidents
2013-14	23	01	24
2014-15	22	07	29
2015-16	24	11	35
2016-17	32	05	37

(b): Track renewal is a continuous activity which is to be undertaken as and when stretch of track becomes due for renewal on the basis of criteria laid down in Indian Railway Permanent Way Manual on age-cum-condition basis viz. traffic carried in terms of gross million tones and incidence of rail fracture/failure, wear of rails, maintainability of track as per standards etc. The systematic attention to track is given with the help of track machines.

The achievement of track renewals during last two year and current year are as under:

Year	Target (in Kms.)	Achievement (in Kms.)
2014-15	2200	2424
2015-16	2500	2794
2016-17	2668	1708 (Upto December 2016)

(c) & (d): LHB (Link Hoffmann Busch) coaches for non air-conditioned class travellers are already in service. As on 31.03.2016, more than 750 such coaches are running on Indian Railways.
