

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6327
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.04.2017**

EXPANSION OF RAIL NETWORK

**†6327. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is considering to expand railway network in the country and improving the local connectivity mechanism of rail link;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the efforts made to expand and increase the local connectivity of trains in Bundelkhand region during the last three years;**
- (c) whether the Railways also proposes to link tourist and religious centres of Bundelkhand with railway routes and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the amount of total Government and Non-Government investment made in the Railways during the last two years?**

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. 6327 BY SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI AND SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 12.04.2017 REGARDING EXPANSION OF RAIL NETWORK

(a) & (b): Expansion of rail network is not considered State-wise, region-wise. However, they are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands. To improve connectivity, Indian Railways have fixed higher targets of commissioning of New Line/Gauge Conversion during the last 3 years. Indian Railways have also taken various initiatives to increase the pace of connectivity by completion of projects viz. (i) The capital expenditure for railways has been increased from ₹58,718 Cr in 2014-15 to around ₹93,795 Cr in 2015-16. ₹1,21,000 crore has been provided in Budget 2016-17 and a plan size of ₹1,31,000 crore has been kept for 2017-18, (ii) Inviting State Government to share the cost of Railway Projects and providing land free of cost, (iii) Initiative for formation of Joint Venture Company with State Governments which makes the States a partner in growth of railway infrastructure in the States.

Indian Railways do not run trains on region-wise basis as rail network straddles across the regional boundaries.

(c): Railway projects are mostly sanctioned keeping economic viability or socio-economic considerations for upliftment of served area. A railway line per se results into increased economic activities including tourism. Many places of religious and tourist importance invariably fall on Railway Network & alignment of new railway links. However, a separate data is not

maintained as to connectivity provided by Railways to such places including that of Bundelkhand.

(d): The amount of total Government and Non-Government investment made by the Railways during the last two years and upto the end of February, 2017 (Approx.) are as under:-

(₹ in Crores)

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (RE)
Government investment			
Gross Budgetary Support:			
Capital	30121.16	35007.87	35575
Railway Safety Fund	2206.44	2600.60	10780
Internal Resources:			
Development Fund	2611.07	2931.62	2515
Depreciation Reserve Fund	7286.93	7588.95	7200*
Capital Fund	5449.24	6324.74	5000
Total Government investment	47674.84	54453.78	61070
Non-Government investment			
Extra Budgetary Resources:			
EBR Bond	11044.09	14097.06	18000
EBR (IF)	-	9887.95	20930
Public Private Partnership (PPP)	-	15081.00	21000
Total Non-Government investment	11044.09	39066.01	59930
TOTAL INVESTMENT	58718.93	93519.79	121000

*** The provision under DRF in RE 2016-17 includes ₹ 2000 Cr. from DRF credit realization targets.**
