

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 258
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2017**

DOUBLING / ELECTRIFICATION OF DELHI-SAHARANPUR RAIL LINES

***258. DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has completed doubling and electrification of railway lines between Delhi and Saharanpur;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the present status of doubling and electrification separately of these lines;**
- (d) the details of funds sanctioned and utilized for the purpose during the last three years and the current year; and**
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure time bound completion of doubling and electrification of these lines?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.258 BY DR. SATYAPAL SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.08.2017 REGARDING DOUBLING / ELECTRIFICATION OF DELHI-SAHARANPUR RAIL LINES

(a) to (d) : The existing single line of Delhi-Meerut-Saharanpur (180.79 km) is already electrified.

The status of doubling / electrification of Railway line between Delhi and Saharanpur via Meerut is as under:

- The electrified double line exists between Delhi to Meerut (67.17 km) and Saharanpur to Tapri (6.6 km).**
- The work of doubling with electrification between Meerut to Muzaffarnagar (55.47 km) has been sanctioned in Railway Budget 2012-13. In this project, the doubling with electrification between Meerut to Daurala (16 km) has been commissioned for passenger services in July, 2017. The work is in progress in balance section.**
- The fund allotted and expenditure in last three years is as under:-**

Year	Funds originally allotted (₹ in crore)	Funds utilized (₹ in crore)
2014-15	10.74	10.44
2015-16	172.22	172.05
2016-17	117.46	133.79

- The expenditure on this project up to March, 2017 is ₹ 316.28 crore and outlay of ₹ 96 crore has been given during 2017-18.**
- The work of doubling with electrification between Muzaffarnagar to Tapri (52 km) has been sanctioned in Railway Budget 2015-16 at a cost**

of ₹376.78 crore. The expenditure on this project up to March, 2017 is ₹28.63 crore and an outlay of ₹100 crore has been provided in 2017-18. The work is in progress.

- In addition, the section from Delhi to Shahdara is already double line and electrified. Further, the work of doubling between Delhi Shahdara-Shamli-Tapri including Saharanpur bye-pass (155.24 km) costing ₹1500 crore has been included in Budget 2016-17 subject to obtaining requisite clearances. The Detailed Project Report has been prepared with estimated cost of ₹1214 crore and the same is under examination.
 - The electrification of Delhi Shahdara-Noli of existing line has been completed. Further, the electrification of Noli-Tapri existing single line has been sanctioned at the cost of ₹126.09 crore and outlay of ₹11.48 crore has been given in 2017-18.
- (e) Indian Railways have taken various initiatives to increase the pace of execution of projects. This includes-
- Indian Railways has sanctioned about 12,600 Km of Doubling/3rd& 4th line to overcome the problem of congestion over high density network in the last three years i.e. 2015-16, 2016-17 & 2017-18.
 - Making higher fund allotment for projects: The capital expenditure for Railways has been increased from ₹ 58,718 Cr in 2014-15 to

around ₹ 93,795 Cr in 2015-16 to ₹ 1,11,661 crore in 2016-17 and a plan size of ₹ 1,31,000 crore has been kept for 2017-18.

- **Delegation of Powers to the field officers for tenders and estimates: The Zonal Railways have been delegated full powers with respect to works contracts. Full powers have been given to General Managers of Zonal Railways with respect to sanctioning of estimates. This has also resulted in cutting down time for sanction of estimate and tenders.**
- **Institutional financing by tying up loan with M/s Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited for ₹ 1.5 lac crore for assured funding of viable projects has increased Railways' capacity for committed fund provision for essential projects.**

These initiatives have resulted into a remarkable increase in commissioning of New Lines, Gauge Conversions and Doublings. A progress of 7.75 km per day of network expansion was achieved in 2015-16 compared to an average of 4.1 km per day being achieved in previous 10 years from 2004 to 2014. During 2016-17, 2855 km track has been commissioned by introducing passenger services.
