

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.645  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2017**

**ACCIDENTS DUE TO RAILWAY TRACKS**

**†645. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of train accidents have occurred due to short-comings of railway tracks during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17;**
- (b) if so, the number of such train accidents during the above period;**
- (c) whether it has become necessary for the Railways to replace the tracks;**
- (d) if so, the length of railway tracks in terms of kilometres that has been considered necessary to be replaced; and**
- (e) the length of railway tracks in terms of kilometres that has been replaced during each of the above years?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 645 BY SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.07.2017 REGARDING ACCIDENTS DUE TO RAILWAY TRACKS**

**(a) & (b): Consequential train accidents have occurred due to various factors, one of them is shortcomings of Railway track. Consequential train accidents occurred on account of track shortcomings during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 are as under :**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
<b>Number of accidents occurred due to shortcomings of Railway track</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>35</b>

**(c) to (e): Track renewal is a continuous activity, which is undertaken as and when a stretch becomes due for renewal as per criteria laid down in para 302 of Indian Railway Permanent Way Manual (IRPWM) which, inter-alia, takes into account the traffic carried over the track, incidence of rail fractures/failures, wear, age, etc. The details of track renewal targeted and carried out in the last three years are as under :**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Target (in KM)</b>	<b>Track Renewed (in KM)</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>2424</b>
<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>2794</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2668</b>	<b>2487</b>

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