

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 676
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2017**

SURVEY FOR LAYING OF RAILWAY LINE/GAUGE CONVERSION

**676. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:
DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI MAHARAJ:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have conducted any survey for laying new railway lines, gauge conversion and electrification of old railway lines;**
- (b) if so, the location-wise details of the length of new railway lines to be laid, the length of railway line to be considered for gauge conversion and electrification in various States;**
- (c) the plan of Government for laying new railway lines, gauge conversion and electrification of railway lines in current financial year;**
- (d) whether there has been a decline in the work of laying new railway tracks; and**
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?**

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. 676 BY SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA, KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE AND DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI MAHARAJ TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.07.2017 REGARDING SURVEY FOR LAYING OF RAILWAY LINE/GAUGE CONVERSION

(a) & (b): During the last three years and current year, Railways have conducted 165 nos. for a total length of 19195 km of surveys for new lines and 9 nos. for gauge conversion for a total length of 541 km. Details are as under:

S.No.	Railway Zone	No. of surveys conducted	
		New Line	Gauge Conversion
1	Central	9	0
2	East Coast	12	0
3	East Central	4	0
4	Eastern	0	0
5	North Central	11	0
6	North Eastern	4	1
7	Northeast Frontier	7	0
8	Northern	29	0
9	North Western	16	0
10	South Central	10	0
11	South East Central	25	0
12	South Eastern	2	0
13	Southern	16	0
14	South Western	8	0
15	West Central	2	0
16	Western	10	8
	Total	165	9

A total of 139 ongoing Railway Electrification projects totaling 28,431 Route Km spread across the country in various States have been taken up. A total of 179 ongoing new line projects totaling 20268 Km and 58 ongoing gauge conversion projects totaling 8152 Km have been taken up. Details of

these projects are available in Pink Book laid on the Table of the House alongwith Budget Papers.

(c): In the current financial year 2017-18, a total of 3500 Km of New Lines including DFC lines, Gauge Conversion, Doubling & 4000 Route Km of Railway Electrification have been planned/targeted.

(d) & (e): No, Madam. Details of new lines commissioned during last three years are as detailed below:-

Year	Length of New Line commissioned
2014-15	380
2015-16	813
2016-17	953
