

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.180
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018**

LONG HAUL TRAINS

***180. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has introduced long haul trains to boost freight operations;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number and details of long haul goods trains that are running at present;**
- (c) whether the Railways proposes to introduce more such trains during this financial year and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether loop lines are required to run long haul trains and if so, the number of loop lines that have been commissioned till date and the number of loop lines that are likely to be commissioned; and**
- (e) whether the Railways is planning to run long haul trains for passengers also and if so, the details thereof along with the benefits likely to accrue to Railways as a result thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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.180 BY DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.03.2018 REGARDING LONG HAUL TRAINS

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): At present long haul trains are being run on identified sections where it is operationally feasible to do so. During the period April-2017 to January-2018, 7562 long haul trains have been run on various Zonal Railways. Zone wise details are appended as Appendix-I.

(c) & (d): Running of long haul trains depends on traffic conditions, congestion and sectional capacity. Both coaching and freight trains are run on most of the sections of Indian Railway. Since these trains are having differential speeds, there are a limited number of coaching free paths available for running of long hauls. In order to facilitate running of more long haul trains, long loops (having capacity to accommodate two full length trains) have been planned on various sections.

The details of the long loops already commissioned and planned for commissioning are appended as Appendix-II.

(e): At present there is no proposal for long haul trains for passenger.

APPENDIX-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.180 BY DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.03.2018 REGARDING LONG HAUL TRAINS

(b) Total 7562 long haul trains have been run on Indian Railways during the year 2017-18 (April 2017 to January 2018). Details are as under:-

Central Railway: 79

East Central Railway: 987

East Coast Railway: 1102

Eastern Railway: 50

North Eastern Railway: 600

North Central Railway: 57

North east Frontier Railway: 94

Northern Railway: 1342

North Western Railway: 117

South Central Railway: 143

South Eastern Railway: 40

Southern Railway: 79

South East Central Railway: 1200

South Western Railway: 3

Western Railway: 488

West Central Railway: 1181

APPENDIX-II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.180 BY DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.03.2018 REGARDING LONG HAUL TRAINS

(c) & (d) Loop lines that have been commissioned till date and that likely to be commissioned are as under:-

Commissioned:

S.N.	Rly.	Name of the Work	Cost (₹ in crore)	Status
1.	East Coast Railway	Provision of Long Haul Loop on R/1 adjacent to DN main line at Gangadharpur (GNGD) station.	4.80	Completed
2.	East Coast Railway	Ganjam - Long haul loop on down side	6.26	Completed
3.	East Coast Railway	Paradeep - Long haul loop towards Cuttack end near coaching yard at new passenger terminal	8.94	Completed
4.	East Coast Railway	Dumuriput - Longer loop line	4.03	Completed
5.	East Coast Railway	Gumada - Conversion of L4 as longer loop line with common loop status for python trains	5.66	Completed
6.	East Coast Railway	Kotpar Road - Longer loop lines	5.41	Completed

Yet to be commissioned:

S.N.	Railway	Name of the work	Cost (₹ in crore)	Target date of completion
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1.	Central Railway	Gaigaon - Yard remdelling for handling long haul trains	10.18	31.03.2019
2.	Central Railway	Itarsi - Amla - Nagpur - Wardha - Bhusawal - Jalgaon (713.86 km) - Longer loop	58	31.12.2019
3.	East Coast Railway	Provision of Long Haul loop on R/1 (DN Loop) for long Haul train operation at Hindol Road station of Khurda Road division	8.55	Under Finalization
4.	East Coast Railway	Chipurupalli - Conversion of L4 into longer loop with common loop status for python trains	8.13	31.03.2019
5.	East Coast Railway	Sigdam - Conversion of line No.1 to longer loop	9.79	31.03.2019
6.	East Coast Railway	Naorla Road-Lanjigarh Road & Lanjigarh Road-Bhawanipatna - Intermediate block hut to avail longer loop	11.80	31.03.2019
7.	East Coast Railway	Handapa - Longer loop for long haul train operation	7.02	31.03.2019
8.	East Coast Railway	Bagbahra - Provision of longer loop for long haul train operation	7.13	Under Finalization
9.	East Coast Railway	Maneswar - Provision of longer loop for long haul train operation	5.81	Under Finalization
10.	East Coast Railway	Muribahal - Provision of longer loop for long haul train operation	9.91	Under Finalization
11.	Northern Railway	Mughalsarai - Lucknow - Moradabad - Ambala - Jalandhar - Amritsar (1150 km) - Longer loops	165	Under Finalization
12.	North Central Railway	Allahabad Division - Longer loops (10 stations)	59.25	31.03.2019

13.	North Central Railway	Kitham & Ghosrana - Longer loop lines for running of python trains	9.38	Under Finalization
14.	South Central Railway	Vijayawada - Gudur (295 km) - Longer loop	29.37	31.03.2019
15.	South Central Railway	Visakhapatnam - Vijayawada (350 km) - Longer loop	30.46	31.03.2019
16.	South Eastern Railway	Kokpara - Longer loops to run long haul trains (Up loop)	3.58	Under Finalization
17.	South East Central Railway	Shahdol - Long loop line	9.95	31.12.2018
18.	South East Central Railway	Koka - Long loop line	10.39	31.03.2019
19.	South East Central Railway	Salwa - Long loop line	14.18	30.06.2018
20.	South East Central Railway	Hathbandh - Long loop line	11.91	Under Finalization
21.	West Central Railway	Nagda-Mathura - Long haul loops (8 stations)	56.41	Under Finalization
22.	West Central Railway	Majholi - Extension of line No.3 & 4 for long haul trains	8.51	30.06.2019
23.	West Central Railway	Bansa Pahar - Additional loop to accommodate long haul trains	9.21	30.12.2019
24.	West Central Railway	Kota - Bina (303 km) - Longer loop	30	Under Finalization
