

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5433
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2018**

OVERBURDENED RAILWAY NETWORK

**5433. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT :
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE :
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SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO :
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL :
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE :**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether presently the railway network is overburdened and inadequate to meet the new challenges of a fast developing economy and if so, the main challenges being faced by the Railways at present;**
- (b) whether some regions are beyond the reach of Railways due to unfavourable geographical conditions, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being considered by the Railways in this regard;**
- (c) whether the Railways has failed to attract adequate incentives and suitable talent due to lack of modern management not making economic analysis for perspective planning tariff; and**
- (d) if so, the response of the Government thereto and the steps taken to combat the situation?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

- (a) Yes, Madam. Railway have presently 483 over saturated sections**

out of 1245 sections. Over saturation of line capacity has resulted in stiff competition from other transport modes in maintaining the freight and passenger modal share. Hence, speedy execution of capacity enhancement works and availability of commensurate financial resources are one of the few main challenges before Indian Railways.

(b) Expansion of rail network is 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..

(c)&(d) No, Madam.
