

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6040
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2018**

HIGH DENSITY ROUTES

6040. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether across zones, 65% of the railway lines are running at 100% or above line capacity on high density railway network routes and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether over-utilization is leaving little time for field safety inspections and essential maintenance of tracks which has led to numerous incidents of train derailments and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to reduce congestion and augment the capacity of tracks?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): Out of 265 sections on High Density Network routes, 185 sections are saturated as per latest line capacity statement (2015-16).

(b): Though the over utilization is impacting the availability of time for maintenance but it is not affecting inspections of tracks. If due to any reason, the condition of track does not permit safe train operation at maximum permissible speed, speed restrictions are imposed. The non-availability of blocks have not been found to be primary cause of train derailments.

(c): In the past, to reduce congestion and augment the capacity of tracks, 177 new lines, 256 doubling, 58 gauge conversion, 112 electrification works and 570 traffic facility works have been included in Railway budgets. In addition, work on two dedicated freight corridors of total 3360 km length has been taken on hand.
