

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 879
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2018**

OVERHAULING OF RAILWAY TRACKS

879. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of initiatives taken and progress made to upgrade the infrastructure of railways, specifically rail tracks that are found damaged and unfit for regular use;**
- (b) whether the Government has put in place a timely structured plan to identify railway zones that need urgent overhauling;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Eastern Railway has identified rail tracks which need urgent overhauling; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

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. 879 BY SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2018 REGARDING OVERHAULING OF RAILWAY TRACKS

(a): The details of investments made in development of infrastructure for the last three years are as under:-

(₹ In Cr.)

Year	Amount spent on Infrastructure	Amount Spent on Track Renewals
2014-15	58718	3735
2015-16	93442	4368
2016-17	101669	5075

(b) and (c): Railway tracks are replaced through track renewal works, which is an ongoing process. Track renewal works are undertaken as and when stretch of track becomes due for renewal on the basis of criteria laid down in Indian Railways Permanent Way Manual on age/condition basis. The track renewal works are planned in advance every year and their execution are prioritized according to the condition of track and other factors ensuring all the time that track is in sound condition for running of trains. In case, if any stretch of track is not renewed in time due to various reasons, speed restrictions, if required are imposed to ensure safe running trains.

As on 01.04.2017, track renewal covering 7546 km is sanctioned out of which 3600 km in Complete Track Renewal units is targeted for the year 2017-18.

(d) and (e): On Eastern Railway, for the year 2017-18, a target of 246 km for track renewal has been kept against which 155 km track has been renewed upto December, 2017.
