

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 126
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018**

PROGRESS OF RAILWAY PROJECTS

**126. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment to ascertain the progress of the projects of new railway lines, doubling, gauge conversion, electrification and signing in various States of the country during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has allocated and released adequate funds for timely completion of the said projects during the above period and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;**
- (c) the number of Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) formed by the Government for timely completion of the said projects in the country along with achievements thereof, State/UT-wise; and**
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government for timely completion of the said projects across the country?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 126 BY SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE, SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE AND SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.07.2018 REGARDING PROGRESS OF RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a): Periodic monitoring is done at different levels from field units to Railway Board for ascertaining the progress of projects. The progress of New Line, Gauge Conversion, Doubling, Electrification and Signaling during the last three years are as under:-

Plan-head	Commissioning in (km)		
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
New Line	813	953	409
Gauge Conversion	1042	1020	453
Doubling	973	882	999

Route Kilometer Electrified	Years		
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
	1730	2013	4087

Replacement Item		Unit	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Replacements (provision of Route Relay Interlocking (RRI)/Electronic Interlocking (EI)/Panel Interlocking (PI))	RRI	Station	8	12	7
	PI	Station	136	169	114
	EI	Station	135	165	208

(b): The allocation of Budget for Projects is done project-wise and not Zone-wise or State-wise. This allocation is based on importance of project, capacity enhancement and last mile connectivity of projects.

(c): 14 Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) have been formed for implementing the railway connectivity projects in various State/UTs. The State wise details of SPVs for rail connectivity projects is as under:-

S. No.	State/UT	No. of SPVs
1.	Jharkhand	1
2.	Odisha	3
3.	Andhra Pradesh	1
4.	Chattisgarh	3
5.	Maharashtra	1
6.	Gujarat	4
7.	Karnataka	1

Further, in principle approval has been granted for three SPVs including two in Chattisgarh and one in Gujarat.

(d): For timely completion of the projects, Railway is holding regular meetings with State Government and concerned Central Government officials on various issues involving alignment, land acquisition, forestry and wild life clearances, law & order problems, shifting of utilities etc.

For important projects, capacity enhancement projects, last mile connectivity etc, institutional financing has been done by arranging loan from M/s Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited for ₹ 1.5 lakh crore, which has increased Railways' capacity for committed fund provision for essential projects.