

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 201
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018**

EXPANSION OF RAIL NETWORK

201. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Railways is considering expanding its reach to the remote regions of the country;**
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and**
- (c) the estimated/tentative time of completion of these projects?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 201 BY SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.07.2018 REGARDING EXPANSION OF RAIL NETWORK

(a) & (b): Railways have taken up 180 New Line projects in various States which are in various stages of execution. This includes 18 in Andhra Pradesh, 15 in Assam & Northeast Region, 34 in Bihar, 08 in Chattisgarh, 01 in Delhi, 04 in Gujarat, 07 in Haryana, 04 in Himachal Pradesh, 01 in Jammu & Kashmir, 14 in Jharkhand, 16 in Karnataka, 02 in Kerala, 12 in Maharashtra, 08 in Madhya Pradesh, 10 in Odisha, 06 in Punjab, 10 in Rajasthan, 08 in Tamil Nadu, 09 Telangana, 03 in Uttarakhand, 15 in Uttar Pradesh and 18 in West Bengal. Some of the projects fall in more than one State. Most of the new line projects have been taken up primarily on socio-economic considerations in backward and remote areas for the speedy development of economically backward areas.

(c): The completion of railway projects requires clearances from various departments of State Government and Central Ministries like acquisition of land, statutory clearances like forestry and wild life, shifting of utilities etc. Therefore, it is not feasible to fix time lines for completion of all the projects.

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