

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3506
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2018**

SAFETY IN RAIL OPERATIONS

3506. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that laying of new lines and doubling of tracks have suffered because of the focus on safety;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Railways has asked its zones not to compromise safety while undertaking the work of laying new lines and doubling of tracks; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): In the last four years, 2555 km of New Line, 3396 km of Gauge Conversion and 3577 km of Doubling has been commissioned. During 2017-18, 1862 km has been commissioned including 409 km of New Line, 454 km of Gauge Conversion and 999 km of Doubling.

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Safety is accorded the highest priority by Indian Railways and all possible steps are being undertaken on a continual basis including upgradation of technology to aid safe running of trains. Further, during 2017-18, due to highest priority given to safety works of track renewals and capacity constraints of supply of rails, commissioning of Railway Lines was less.
