

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2507
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.12.2018**

BACKLOG OF TRACK RENEWAL

**2507. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways require additional tracks to clear track renewal backlog;

(b) if so, the details of annual requirement of the railways;

(c) the number of railway tracks required by the Railways for 2018-19 and the extent to which the SAIL is likely to be capable to provide railway tracks;

(d) whether the railways has placed an order on Jindal Steel and Power Ltd. to supply one lakh tonne railway track as a part of global tender;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the Jindal Steel and Power Ltd. is likely to fulfil this demand of the railways; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to meet the requirement of railways to clear the backlog of track renewal and doubling of track?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Based on assessment and sanctioned work as on

01.04.2018, Target and Annual requirement for renewal of existing Rails over Indian Railways in 2018-19 is 9.54 lakh Metric Ton of Rails.

(c) Requirement of rails for renewal of existing running lines and construction of new lines/doubling/Gauge conversion over Indian Railways during 2018-19 is 16.66 lakh Metric Ton.

Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has committed to supply 10 lakh tons of rails to Indian Railways in 2018-19. From April, 2018 to November, 2018, SAIL has supplied 5.61 lakh tons of rails.

(d) & (e) Yes, Madam. A developmental order has been placed on M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd (M/s JSPL) for 97,400 Metric Ton rails to be supplied by August, 2019. M/s JSPL has supplied 43,000 Metric Ton rails till 30.11.2018.

(f) Following steps have been taken to address the problem of shortage of rails:

(i) Development Order for supply of rails have been given to M/s JSPL, as detailed above.

(ii) Permission for import of rails has been sought from Ministry of Steel.
