

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.180
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.07.2019**

NEW TRACKS AND HIGH SPEED TRAINS

***180. SHRI D. K. SURESH:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to transform India's railway network with new track and high speed trains and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has made any progress so far in this regard;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of new tracks laid and high speed trains introduced in the country; and**
- (d) whether the Government has set any time frame to achieve the said objective and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 180 BY SHRI D. K. SURESH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.07.2019 REGARDING NEW TRACK AND HIGH SPEED TRAINS

(a): A large number of major rail infrastructure projects for augmenting the capacity of railway network including two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC), Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project new line, gauge conversion, doubling and electrification projects have been sanctioned.

(b) & (c): During the last five years, average annual capital expenditure in railway plans has been of the order of ₹ 99,902 cr approximately which represents a massive increase over the previous years. Around 13,124 kms of Broad Gauge track have been added during the last five years by way of doubling, gauge conversion and new lines, which is 173% of the progress achieved during 2009-14. MAHSR project is targeted for completion in 2023.

(d): Most of the sanctioned works are part of the large shelf of ongoing projects and their progress is dependent on several factors like land acquisition, forestry clearances etc. Many projects/ programmes are targeted for completion by or before 2022. These include; DFCs, gauge conversion of viable identified lines, 100% electrification of Broad Gauge lines and substantial completion of doubling projects.
