

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2860
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.07.2019**

DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY LAND

†2860. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have not achieved its various targets set during the last three years for the development of railway land and modernisation of facilities;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the reasons for slow pace in achieving the set targets of doubling the rail tracks and electrification in the country; and**
- (d) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Railways to improve the rail infrastructure rapidly?**

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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2860 BY SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.07.2019 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY LAND.

(a) and (b): Modernisation of facilities, inter-alia, involving development of Railway land, is an on-going, continuous process on Indian Railways and in the last three years, about ₹3.50 lakh Cr. has been spent for modernisation. Further in last 3 years, development on Railway land has been done for approximately 7133 hectares in track & structures, 2510 hectares in afforestation, 88 hectares in commercial licensing and 1103 hectares in other usages viz., land licensed to Container Corporation of India Limited, land entrusted to Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) and Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India, etc.

(c): Indian Railways (IR) has achieved 6096 kilometres of doubling for the period 2014-15 to 2018-19 as against 1875 kilometers for the period 2009-10 to 2013-14. The year-wise details of doubling from 2009-10 to 2018-19 are as under;

Doubling during last 10 years

Year	Kilometres	Year	Kilometres
2009-10	285	2014 - 15	723
2010-11	260	2015 - 16	973
2011-12	400	2016 - 17	882
2012-13	430	2017 - 18	999
2013-14	500	2018 - 19	2519
Total	1875	Total	6096

At present, 247 Projects of doubling are in different stages of execution/planning/sanction. The timely completion of any Railway project depends upon various factors like quick land acquisition by State

Government, forest clearance by officials of forest Department, shifting of infringing utilities (both underground and over ground), statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic consideration, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, flooding, excessive rains, strikes of labour, orders of Hon'ble Courts, situation and conditions of working agencies/contractors etc. and all these factors affect the completion cost of the project, which are the various reasons behind slow pace in achieving the targets fixed for doubling.

Indian Railways (IR) has achieved 13,687 route kilometres of Railway electrification for the period 2014-15 to 2018-19 as against 3038 route Kilometers for the period 2009-10 to 2013-14. The year-wise details are as under;

Railway Electrification during last 10 years

Year	Commissioning RKM	Year	Commissioning RKM
2009-10	421	2014 - 15	1176
2010-11	75	2015 - 16	1502
2011-12	595	2016 - 17	1646
2012-13	1337	2017 - 18	4087
2013-14	610	2018 - 19	5276
Total	3038	Total	13687

(d): For bringing rapid reforms in the Railways' infrastructure, Ministry of Railways has taken many steps as under:

(1) Ministry of Railways has approached State Governments to form Joint Venture Companies (JVCs) with Ministry of Railways to undertake mutually identified rail infrastructure projects for project development, resources mobilization and monitoring.

(2) Indian Railways has adopted Detailed Project Report (DPR) approach for new works which has resulted into saving of time in starting the work. Earlier, it used to take 2 to 3 years for starting a work which has now been brought down to less than a year.

(3) For capacity enhancement projects, 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.

(4) The Zonal Railways have been delegated full powers with respect to acceptance of works contracts and to sanction estimates. This has resulted in cutting down time for sanctions of estimate and award of contract for execution of works.
