

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2910
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.07.2019**

LAYING NEW RAIL LINES IN PUNJAB AND HARYANA

**2910. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the New Railway Lines introduced in the country especially in Punjab and Haryana during the last three years;**
- (b) whether the Government has conducted survey of all the new railway lines proposed during the said period and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has allocated adequate funds to carry out the work to expedite the laying of railway lines and if so, the details in this regard; and**
- (d) whether the Government has set any time-frame for the completion of the new railway lines and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Total of 1864.32 Kilometres of New Line has been commissioned in the last three years and current year. This includes commissioning of 80 Kilometres New Line in the State of Haryana.

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(b): During the last three years and current year, Railways have taken up surveys for 194 nos. of New Lines for a total length of 18,992 Kilometres.

(c): The expenditure on New Line projects up to March, 2019 has been ₹76917 Crore. However, the details of funds spent on each project, allotment of funds and expenditure are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in >Ministry of Railways >Railway Board >About Indian Railways >Railway Board Directorates >Finance(Budget) >2019-20_List_of_Works.

(d): The timely completion of any Railway project depends on 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 considerations, 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 of the project. Hence, no time frame can be fixed for completion of projects until complete encumbrance free land is handed over by State Governments to the Railways.