### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3628 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023

#### **PM GATI SHAKTI PLAN**

#### **3628. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether PM Gati Shakti Plan has helped in unclogging the railway network;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard along with examples of improvement in the efficiency of the system; and
- (c) the total railway network (in km) that has been unclogged/decongested as a result of the Master Plan?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a)to(c). PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan has been a transformative approach towards integrated planning and synchronized infrastructure project implementation. Adopting a 'whole of the government approach'.

Railways is one of the key drivers of the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan. Ministry of Railways has set up a multi-disciplinary Gati Shakti Directorate in Railway Board. The Gati Shakti Units in all 68 divisions are also created.

Various steps being taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects includes: (i) setting up of Gati Shakti Directorate in Ministry of Railways and Gati Shakti Units in divisions, (ii) prioritization of projects, (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (iv) delegation of powers at field level, (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels and (vi) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.

PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan has helped in expeditious sanction of 1304 KM length of infrastructure projects to decongest as well as to augment the existing railway network.

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