

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3314
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL RAIL PLAN 2030

3314. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is facing any challenges in implementing the National Rail Plan 2030, which aims to create a future-ready railway system by 2030;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the status of public-private partnerships in the railway sector and its impact on improving services and infrastructure?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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(a) and (b) The completion of any railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project(s) site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project(s).

Various steps taken by the Government for speedy approval and implementation of rail projects include:

(i) setting up of Gati Shakti units.

(ii) prioritisation of projects

(iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects

(iv) delegation of powers at field level

(v) close monitoring of progress of project at various level

(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.

This has led to substantial increase in rate of commissioning since 2014.

(c) Till now, under PPP model, 17 rail connectivity projects have been completed, 48 Gati Shakti Terminals (GCTs) and two (02) locomotive factories at Madhepura and Marhowrah have been commissioned.
