

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1523
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2019**

RENEWAL OF RAILWAY TRACKS

†1523. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is working on renewal of railway tracks on war footing to reduce the number of incidents of derailment of trains;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the railway routes selected for renewal in Bihar;**
- (d) the amount allocated and released for the said purpose so far; and**
- (e) the targets set in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1523 BY SHRI MAHABALI SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2019 REGARDING RENEWAL OF RAILWAY TRACKS

(a) & (b) Railway tracks are replaced through track renewal works which is an ongoing process. Track renewal works are undertaken as and when a stretch of track becomes due for renewal on the basis of criteria laid down in Indian Railway Permanent Way Manual on age/condition basis viz. traffic carried in terms of gross million tonnes, incidence of rail fracture/failure, wear of rails, corrosion of rails, maintainability of track as per standards etc. On Meter Gauge (MG) and Narrow Gauge (NG) tracks, which are sanctioned for Gauge conversion, the track renewal works, if required, are undertaken after due consideration of progress of execution of gauge conversion.

(c) to (e) Details of track renewals are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise. The State of Bihar falls in Eastern Railway, East Central Railway, North Eastern Railway and Northeast Frontier Railway. The targets fixed and actual progress of track renewal, amount allocated and released (expenditure) on account of track renewal for Eastern Railway, East Central Railway, North Eastern Railway and Northeast Frontier Railway for the current year i.e. 2019-20 (upto October, 2019) are as under:

Railway	Track Renewal details for the year 2019-20 (upto October, 2019)			
	Figures in Complete Track Renewal Units (CTR)		(₹ in Crore)	
	Target	Progress	Budget Estimates	Expenditure Incurred
Eastern	231	145	587	424
East Central	243	166	635	459
North Eastern	114	60	457	163
Northeast Frontier	81	64	383	194