

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1446
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2021**

INCREASE IN SPEED OF TRAINS

**1446. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has increased the maximum speed of a large number of trains plying in various parts of the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Zone-wise along with the increase in speed of trains covering Golden Quadrilateral-Golden Diagonal route;**
- (c) the funds spent to improve requisite upgradation of infrastructure to enhance maximum speed of the said trains during each of the last three years and the current year, Zone-wise;**
- (d) the number of complaints received by the Government for irregularities/corruption in utilization of the said funds during the said period along with the action taken/being taken on such complaints so far; and**
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

(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. 1446 BY SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA, SHRI OMPRAKASH**

BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR, SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE AND SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.02.2021 REGARDING INCREASE IN SPEED OF TRAINS

(a) and (b) With a view to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways (IR) discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains w.e.f. 23rd March,2020 and presently only special trains keeping in view the concerns and suggestions of State Government are being operated. However, in its endeavour to rationalize time tables and speed up of trains, which are on-going exercises and which are dependent *inter alia* on factors like availability/upgradation of track, doubling of section, upgradation of rolling stock, Indian Railways, has decided to speed up both Passenger and Express train services, thereby upgrading them as Express and superfast services respectively. The Zone-wise details are as under:

Sl	Zonal Railway	Number of trains (in single)
1	North Central Railway	10
2	Central Railway	50
3	Eastern Railway	16
4	Northern Railway	26
5	North Eastern Railway	12
6	Northeast Frontier Railway	20
7	Southern Railway	42
8	South Central Railway	59
9	South Eastern Railway	36
10	Western Railway	68
11	East Central Railway	12
12	North Western Railway	53
13	East Coast Railway	24
14	South Western Railway	34
15	West Central Railway	12
16	South East Central Railway	08
17	Konkan Railway Corporation Limited	06

(c) Upgradation of track infrastructure is done through regular track renewal works, as and when the track becomes due for renewal based on criteria stipulated in Indian Railway Permanent Way Manual (IRPWM).

This upgradation of track caters to raising of sectional speed of sections upto 130 kmph. Zone-wise expenditure for track renewal works (under Plan Head – 31) & Signaling works (under Plan Head -33) during last three years and the current year (up to December, 2020) is indicated below:-

Track Renewal Expenditure figures (PH-31) (` in Cr.)					S&T Works Expenditure of PH-33 (` in Cr.)			
Zonal Railway	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (up to December, 2020)	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (up to December, 2020)
Central Railway	639.08	764.92	612.73	592.1	79.46	113.13	152.92	84.81
Eastern Railway	565.7	553.35	504.27	405.6	52.67	97.4	79.66	31.88
East Central Railway	540.1	533.8	653.37	519.1	49.78	196.19	167.58	72.66
East Coast Railway	566.41	625.27	713.51	443.9	38.19	35.08	47.66	13.45
Northern Railway	1127.82	1342.87	1378.34	920.9	122.34	129.87	132.63	185.26
North Central Railway	468.8	512.74	486.71	476.7	184.09	161.66	227.13	175.48
North Eastern Railway	291.88	176.68	245.44	185.3	68.65	49.27	43	25.69
Northeast Frontier Railway	354.42	365.62	276.13	334.1	60.53	49.61	44.45	21.54
North Western Railway	385.89	465.36	491.54	388	56.33	52.89	62.93	40.02
Southern Railway	741.33	770.02	722.51	594	94.46	95.68	105.12	78.49
South Central Railway	581.59	671.8	633.52	615	92.08	116.28	85.55	49.46
South Eastern Railway	539.94	624.58	553.47	521.3	97.66	144.2	131.01	72.02

South East Central Railway	378.36	500.56	487.05	361	36.88	58	65.74	37.2
South Western Railway	394.42	506.98	543.32	331.6	47.2	45.02	38.77	16.41
Western Railway	742.69	705.54	570	611.3	93.95	122.32	169.33	76.64
West Central Railway	555.85	517.9	502.67	357.4	78.86	70.22	67.78	44.54
Metro Railway Kolkata	-	-	-	-	0.53	2.08	1.45	1.08
Total	8874.28	9637.99	9374.58	7657.2	1253.66	1538.9	1622.71	1026.63

Besides, funds spent to improve requisite upgradation of Electrical Traction distribution works (under Plan Head -36), which also helps enhance maximum speed of the trains, covering golden quadrilateral-golden diagonal route during last three years and the current year is as under:

Zonal Railway	2017-18 (` in Cr.)	2018-19 (` in Cr.)	2019-20 (` in Cr.)	2020-21 (` in Cr.)
East Central Railway	4.39	52.19	35.56	27.74
South East Central Railway	1.72	0.04	0.14	1.95
Western Railway	0	0	0	1.71
West Central Railway	0	0	0	0.7
Total	6.11	52.23	35.70	32.1

(d) & (e) No such specific complaint for irregularities/corruption in utilization of funds regarding enhancement of maximum speed of trains has been received in Vigilance.
