3402. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the manner in which the Government is planning to utilize/elevate the infrastructure of Railways under the National Infrastructure Pipeline?

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

The Government of India had set up a Task Force to draw up the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) for the period upto Financial Year (FY) 2025. The Terms of Reference of the Task Force were to identify technically feasible and financially/economically viable infrastructure projects that can be initiated in the period FY 2019-20 to FY 2024-25; to estimate annual infrastructure investments/capital costs and to provide visibility of such projects to the prospective investors, both domestic and foreign. Ministry of Railways also joined this initiative in respect of its major value infrastructure projects of Doubling, New Lines, Gauge Conversion, Wagon procurements etc. with a view to complete in a focused manner with timely allocation of funds.

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