

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2798
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2015**

RAILWAY DENSITY

†2798. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and type of railway zones in the country and the railway density in said zones, State/UT-wise;**
- (b) whether the State of Rajasthan is more backward than other States from railway density point of view;**
- (c) if so, the details of the schemes proposed by the Government to overcome said backwardness of Rajasthan;**
- (d) whether the Government is making efforts to raise railway density of Rajasthan equivalent to West Bengal and Bihar and if so, the schemes proposed in this regard; and**
- (e) the total railway lines in kilometer which is yet to be converted into broad gauge from metre gauge in Rajasthan and the action taken in this regard, particularly in respect of Nathdwara to Marwar line?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(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.2798 BY SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.12.2015 REGARDING RAILWAY DENSITY.

(a): There are 17 Railway zones in the country and they have not been categorised in any type. Methodologically, rail network density Zone-wise is not compiled. The details of State/UT-wise rail density in terms of total track km (including double/ multiple lines, yards etc.) as on 31.03.2015 is given below:-

Rail Network Density		
Name of State/Union Territory	Total Track Km / 100 Sq. Km area	Total Track Km/ Lakh population
Andhra Pradesh	4.39	14.24
Arunachal Pradesh	0.03	1.64
Assam	4.51	11.36
Bihar	7.15	6.54
Chattisgarh	1.92	10.36
Delhi	47.14	4.17
Goa	2.66	6.74
Gujarat	3.93	12.75
Haryana	6.79	11.84
Himachal Pradesh	0.64	5.22
Jammu & Kashmir	0.22	3.87
Jharkhand	7.30	17.64
Karnataka	2.62	8.22
Kerala	5.17	6.02
Madhya Pradesh	2.99	12.68
Maharashtra	3.57	9.78
Manipur	0.01	0.10
Meghalaya	0.06	0.43
Mizoram	0.02	0.43
Nagaland	0.14	1.20
Odisha	3.17	11.78
Punjab	6.97	12.67
Rajasthan	2.48	12.40

Tamil Nadu	4.90	8.83
Telangana	2.59	8.44
Tripura	1.84	5.26
Uttarakhand	0.97	5.12
Uttar Pradesh	6.24	7.53
West Bengal	11.79	11.46
Union Territory		
Chandigarh	58.32	6.30
Puducherry	5.40	2.08

Note: The remaining States/Union Territories/ have no railway line.

(b): As on 31.03.2015, the total track kilometre length per one lakh of population in the State of Rajasthan is 12.40 kilometre which is higher than national average of 9.76 kilometre. In terms of area, Rajasthan has 2.48 kilometres as compared National average of 3.59 kilometres per 100 square kilometres.

(c) &(d): Railway projects are not sanctioned State-wise. However, 8 new line, 7 gauge conversion (5 from metre gauge to broad gauge and 2 from narrow gauge to broad gauge) and 11 doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan have been taken up for expansion of railway network in the State. In addition, Western Dedicated Freight Corridor which is passing through the State of Rajasthan has also been taken up.

Rajasthan, Bihar and West Bengal have rail densities of 12.4 (Rajasthan), 6.54 (Bihar) and 11.46 (West Bengal) total track kilometre per one lakh of population. However, Railway projects are sanctioned based on demand, traffic survey, strategic, commercial considerations and socio-economic grounds.

(e): As on 31.03.2015, Rajasthan has 916 kilometre of meter gauge line. The following gauge conversion (from metre gauge to broad gauge) projects falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan have been taken up:

Sl. No	Name of the line	Length (in kms)	Remarks
1	Himmatnagar-Udaipur	208	Earthwork, bridgework and closure of level crossings have been taken up.
2	Mavli-Bari Sadri	83	Final Location Survey has been completed.
3	Jaipur-Sikar-Churu & Sikar-Loharu	320	Sikar-Loharu(122kms) section has been completed and commissioned. Earthwork and ballast supply on the balance section have been taken up.
4	Ratangarh-Sardarsahar	47	Track linking for 41 kms has been completed.
5.	Suratpura-Hanumangarh-Sriganganagar	241	Hanumangarh-Sriganganagar has been completed and commissioned. Engine rolling done on Suratpura-Elleenabad-Hanumangarh.

Survey work for gauge conversion of Marwar-Nathdwara has been included in Railway Budget 2015-16.
