

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3993  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.12.2015**

**THRUST AREAS IN RAILWAYS**

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              SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:  
              SHRI B.V. NAIK:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has identified certain thrust areas in the railways for development during the Twelfth Five Year Plan and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the progress made in this regard during the first three years of the Plan;**
- (c) the growth rate of Railways during the Tenth and Eleventh Five Year Plan periods;**
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to achieve the desired target growth rate during the Twelfth Five Year Plan period; and**
- (e) whether the Government is considering to set yearly targets for growth rate instead of Plan period and if so, the details thereof?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3993 BY SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN, SHRI RAJESH RANJAN, SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI, KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE, SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA AND SHRI B.V. NAIK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.12.2015 REGARDING THRUST AREAS IN RAILWAYS**

**(a): The Twelfth Plan aims at faster, more inclusive and sustainable growth. The thrust areas identified are decongestion and expansion of network, improved productivity of the existing network and assets to increase transportation output for meeting the expanding requirements of the economy.**

**(b) : The progress achieved during the first three years of the Twelfth Plan are as below:-**

<b>Item</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
<b>Creation of Fixed Assets</b>			
<b>New Line (km)</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>313</b>
<b>Gauge Conversion (km)</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>527</b>
<b>Doubling(km)</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>705</b>
<b>Railway Electrification (km)</b>	<b>1317</b>	<b>1350</b>	<b>1375</b>
<b>Rolling Stock Acquisition (Nos.)</b>			
<b>Coaches</b>	<b>4023</b>	<b>3887</b>	<b>3731</b>
<b>Locomotives</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>605</b>
<b>Wagons</b>	<b>16894</b>	<b>9326</b>	<b>11151</b>

<b>Item</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
<b>Freight Traffic Loading</b>			
<b>Originating Tonnage (Million Tonnes)</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>1052</b>	<b>1097.57</b>
<b>NTKM (Billion)</b>	<b>691.66</b>	<b>665.81</b>	<b>685.9</b>
<b>Passenger Traffic</b>			
<b>Passenger Originating (Million)</b>	<b>8420.71</b>	<b>8397</b>	<b>8233.99</b>
<b>Passenger Kilometers Originating (Billion)</b>	<b>1098</b>	<b>1158.74</b>	<b>1127</b>

**(c): The growth rate of Railways during the Tenth and Eleventh Five Year Plan are furnished below:-**

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<b>Item</b>	<b>10th Plan Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) (%)</b>	<b>11th Plan Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) (%)</b>
<b>Freight Traffic Loading</b>		
<b>Originating Tonnage (Million Tonnes)</b>	<b>8.14</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>NTKM (Billion)</b>	<b>7.35</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>Passenger Traffic</b>		
<b>Passenger Originating (Million)</b>	<b>4.21</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>Passenger Kilometers Originating (Billion)</b>	<b>6.96</b>	<b>8.8</b>

**(d): The steps being taken to sustain growth and for efficient handling of traffic include creation of capacity, running of heavier and longer trains, decongestion measures for busy routes, construction of Dedicated Freight Corridors, enhancing capacity and speeds of passenger trains and terminal improvement works. Measures to improve safety and technological upgradation are also an ongoing activity.**

**(e): Based on the overall Plan period targets, yearly targets of traffic output, infrastructure creation, asset renewals etc. are set. The yearly physical targets for 2015-16 include New Lines - 300 km, Doubling – 1200 km, Gauge Conversion-500 km and Electrification- 1600 km.**

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