

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 268
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2016**

SURVEYS FOR NEW RAIL LINES

**†*268. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:
SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the surveys conducted for new rail lines during the last three years and the current year, State/zone-wise and year-wise and the present status thereof;**
- (b) the details of the new railway lines added during 2014-15 in the country, State/zone-wise;**
- (c) whether the Railways had fixed the target of laying 300 kilometre line during the said period and if so, the details thereof along with the target achieved in this regard;**
- (d) whether survey work is proposed to be started for a rail line from Durg to Bilaspur via Dhamdha-Bemetra-Nawagarh-Mungeli and if so, the time by which the said new railway line is likely to be sanctioned and completed; and**
- (e) the steps taken/being taken for sanctioning the new lines surveyed by the Railways?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 268 BY SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU AND SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.03.2016 REGARDING SURVEYS FOR NEW RAIL LINES

(a) to (c): As most of the railway lines straddle across one or more States, State-wise data is not maintained. Zone-wise break-up of details of surveys conducted for new railway lines in the country during the last three years and the current year, is given below:-

S. No.	Zonal Railway	No. of Surveys conducted				New lines commissioned during 2014-15 (in Km)
		2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	
1	Central	2	2	5	1	0
2	Eastern	2	0	0	0	46
3	East Central	0	1	3	0	170
4	East Coast	2	4	3	5	32
5	Northern	3	7	6	7	25
6	North Central	3	1	3	3	36
7	North Eastern	0	1	2	1	0
8	Northeast Frontier	5	4	3	0	42
9	North Western	9	1	8	3	29
10	Southern	6	7	5	3	0
11	South Central	1	3	5	0	0
12	South Eastern	2	2	1	0	0
13	South East Central	0	2	0	4	0
14	South Western	4	1	5	0	0
15	Western	0	6	4	2	0
16	West Central	0	5	0	0	0
	TOTAL	39	47	53	29	380

Out of the above mentioned surveys 15 projects have been taken up.

During the year 2014-15, target for commissioning of 300 Km new rail lines was fixed against which an achievement of 380 Km was made. Zone-wise details are given in the table above.

(d): To examine the feasibility of providing rail connectivity between Durg & Bilaspur, a survey from Bhilai to Bilaspur via Charauda, Dhamdha, Bemetra, Nawagarh and Mungeli has been taken up as Durg is already connected to Bhilai by a Broad Gauge line.

(e): After survey, new line projects are considered on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.
