

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 586
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.04.2016**

RENEWAL OF TRACKS

586. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is correct that there is a staggering backlog of almost 5300 km of track renewal works;**
- (b) if so, the details of track-wise reasons for the backlog of renewal projects;**
- (c) the details of the amount allocated and expenditure incurred on track renewals during the last three years with the amount allocated for the financial year 2016-17;**
- (d) the details of steps taken by the Railways to expedite the process of track renewals in the country; and**
- (e) the details of the completed track renewal projects and pending projects with the duration for which these projects have been pending?**

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. 586 BY SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.04.2016 REGARDING RENEWAL OF TRACKS

(a) & (b) Track renewal is a continuous activity, which is to be undertaken as and when a stretch of track becomes due for renewal on age-cum-condition basis. Track renewals are planned in advance every year and their execution is prioritized according to condition of track and overall availability of funds ensuring all the time that the track is in a sound condition for safe running of trains. The sanctioned Track renewals yet to be completed have reduced from 7258 km for the year 2008-09 to 5300 km for the year 2014-15.

(c) The details of the amount allocated and expenditure incurred on track renewals during the last three years with the amount allocated for the financial year 2016-17 are as under:

Year	Amount Allocated (₹ in Cr.)	Expenditure incurred (₹ in Cr.)
2013-14	4658	4985
2014-15	5046	5371
2015-16	5426	5538 (approximately)
2016-17	4000 (Budget Estimates)	-

(d) & (e) Track renewal works are prioritized according to overall availability of funds ensuring all the time that track is in sound condition for safe running of trains. Total 2794 km track renewal was completed in 2015-16. As on 31.03.2016, track renewal and related works covering 2950 km of track renewal have been sanctioned and taken up. In addition, track renewal works for 2950 km have been sanctioned in the year 2016-17.

As per norms, track renewals works are to be completed within two to three years of sanction. This, however, also depends on budget availability.