

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1718  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2016**

**FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS**

**1718. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:  
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:  
SHRI B.V. NAIK:**

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

- (a) whether electrification of rail routes in East-Central zone and North-Eastern zone have not been done and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (b) the reaction of the Railways thereto;**
- (c) whether Railways has not allocated sufficient funds for projects for which surveys were already made, particularly in North-Eastern States and Karnataka;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the steps being taken to allocate sufficient funds for each project?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(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.1718 BY SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI, SHRI KIRTI AZAD AND SHRI B.V. NAIK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.07.2016 REGARDING FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS**

**(a) & (b): No, Madam. Electrification of railway tracks is decided based on financial viability, traffic volumes and operational flexibility. However, railway routes electrified/under electrification in East Central and North Eastern Zones are as under:**

**(i) East Central Zone:**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Railway Routes</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Mughalsarai-Gaya-Dhanbad</b>	<b>Already electrified.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Sonnagar-Garwa Road - Barkakana- Gomoh and Garwa Road-Meral Gram</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Hajipur-Muzzafarpur-Bachhwara</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Chhapra-Hajipur-Bachhwara-Barauni-Mansi</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Mughalsarai-Patna-Kiul-Jhajha</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Patna-Gaya</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Mansi-Katihar</b>	<b>Sanctioned electrification works and have been entrusted to Central Organisation for Railway Electrification (CORE) for execution.</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Meral Gram-Billi-Chopan &amp; Billi - Singrauli including Karaila Road-Shakti Nagar</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Kiul-Tilaiya</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Manpur-Tilaiya-Bakhtiyarpur</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Koderma-Hazaribag-Barkakana-Ranchi</b>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Valmikingar-Narkatiaganj-Sugauli-Muzzafarpur &amp; Sugauli-Raxaul</b>	
<b>13</b>	<b>Mansi-Saharsa-Purnia-Katihar</b>	<b>Included in Railway Budget 2016-17, subject to obtaining requisite statutory clearances.</b>

**(ii) North Eastern Zone:**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Railway Routes</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Gorakhpur-Bhatni-Siwan-Chhapra including Siwan-Thawe</b>	<b>Already electrified.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Lucknow-Mallhaur</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Barabanki-Basti</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Chhapra-Varanasi-Allahabad</b>	<b>sanctioned electrification work and has been entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for execution.</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Basti-Gorakhpur</b>	<b>Sanctioned electrification works and have been entrusted to Central Organisation for Railway Electrification (CORE) for execution.</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Sitapur Cantt. – Burhwal</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Gorakhpur-Paniahwa-Valmiki Nagar</b>	<b>These have been included in Railway Budget 2016-17, subject to obtaining requisite statutory clearances.</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Kalyanpur-Kasganj-Mathura</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Aunrihar-Jaunpur</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Aunrihar-Bhatni &amp; Ballia-Mau-Shahganj</b>	<b>Included in Railway Budget 2016-17, under Plan Head Doubling subject to obtaining requisite statutory clearances.</b>

**(c) to (e): No, Madam. Based on outcome of surveys, projects are sanctioned depending upon its remunerativeness, availability of funds, competing priorities etc. Allocation of funds to railway projects is done only when projects are sanctioned and included in Rail Budget. In case of project included in Railway Budget subject to requisite clearances, expenditure against funds allocated for that project can be incurred only after receipt of requisite clearances.**

**For ongoing Railway Electrification projects, adequate funds to the tune of ₹52.02 crores for North Eastern States(Assam) and ₹105.62 to Karnataka state have been provided in Railway Budget 2016-17 through Extra Budgetary Resources (Institutional Finance).**

**For ongoing projects (New Line, Gauge Conversion & Doubling) falling fully/ partly in North Eastern Region and Karnataka, an allocation of ₹5385 crore and ₹2935 crore respectively has been made for 2016-17.**

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