

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2559
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2018

MODERNISATION OF RAILWAYS

2559. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the action taken by Government to modernise railways during the last three years;
- (b) whether it is fact that the funds sanctioned for modernisation of railways have not been utilized as per target fixed for the purpose; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2559 BY SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 16.03.2018 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF RAILWAYS.

(a): It is the continual endeavor of Indian Railways(IR) to take measures for modernization under various segments of infrastructure and services – coaches and passenger services, electric locomotives, diesel locomotives, electrification, signaling etc., of Railways. Some of the steps taken during the last three years for the same are as under :

- Proliferation of Linke Hofmann Busch(LHB) coaches, which are technologically superior, have better speed potential, aesthetics and safety features. The Production Units of IR would be producing only LHB coaches from the year 2018-19 onwards.
- Semi high speed Gatimaan Express between Delhi and Agra has been introduced in service and is running at a maximum speed of 160 Kmph.
- For the assistance of visually impaired travelers, Integrated Braille signages, i.e. signages superimposed with Braille scripts, are being provided in the newly manufactured coaches of IR. Retrofitment of the same in existing coaches has also been taken up in a phased manner.
- 473 escalators at 171 stations have been provided. Similarly, there is a massive expansion program for provision of lifts and provision has been made for 500 railway stations in Budget(2018-19).
- A procurement cum Maintenance Agreement(PCMA) has been signed with Madhepura Electric Locomotive Private Limited (MELPL), a Joint Venture Company, for setting up of electric locomotive manufacturing facility at Madhepura, Bihar for manufacturing/supplying 800 High Horse Power
- During last three years (2015-18) total number of 91 Railways Electrification projects consisting of 16353 route kilometers at an estimated cost of ` 16725.50 crore have been included in Budget and pace of electrification has been increased from present average of 1441 RKM/Annum to 4000 RKM/Annum.
- A work for modernisation of signaling system at a total cost of 44 million Euros on Ghaziabad-Kanpur section of North Central Railway was undertaken through funding from KFW (Kreditanstalt Fur Wiederaufbau) Bank, Germany.

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- As per Budget announcement(2015-16) of Hon'ble MR, Indian Railways shall provide 1000 Mega Watt(MW) solar power plants & 200 MW wind power plants by 2020. Till date, solar power plants of 33.14 MW have already been installed & various other initiatives in this direction are in progress. Similarly, 36.5 MW of wind power plants have been installed so far & other initiatives are in progress.
- All Railway Stations, service buildings & residential quarters are being provided with energy efficient LED fittings replacing the existing inefficient electrical fittings. So far 6762 numbers of Railway stations have already been provided with 100% LED lighting.

(b) & (c): No, Sir. Capital Outlay and utilization of funds during the last three years is given below, which shows that fund utilization is almost same as the Revised Estimates :-

(` in crores)

	Gross Budgetary Support	Internal Resources	Extra Budgetary Resources	Total
RE 2014-15	31596	16434	17768	65798
Actual 2014-15	31617	16057	11044	58718
RE 2015-16	34508	16792	48700	100000
Actual 2015-16	37516	16938	39066	93520
RE 2016-17	46355	14715	59930	121000
Actual 2016-17	45232	12125	52578	109935
