

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3637  
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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAIL LINES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the siphoning of greater proportion of allocation for the construction of new lines to the States with higher rail route length per thousand square kilometers of area in 2001-2002 in the Railway Budget;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the specific policy for construction of new rail lines in different States/regions; and
- (d) the specific programme drawn to bring the States having rail route length per thousand sq km of area less than the national average to bring nearest to the current national average at least among the non-special category of States?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (d): The development of rail infrastructure is not done state wise. The new line works are being taken up on operational requirements strategic reasons, development of infrastructure in North East region and socio economic considerations. The funds are being allocated keeping in view the priorities of the lines.