

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RENEWAL OF RAILWAY LINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria followed by the Railways for introducing Express trains and renewal of rail lines and other infrastructure;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to develop Kiul-Gaya line under Danapur division of Eastern Railway; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c): Express trains are introduced subject to traffic demand, availability of resources and operational feasibility including condition of the track structure, terminal capacity, line capacity etc. Track is renewed on age-cum-condition basis subject to availability of funds. The life of track is normally based on several criteria such as quantum of traffic carried, wear of track components, proneness to fracture of rails, condition of sleepers and maintainability of track, etc. Railways undertake modernisation and upgradation of assets as and when required by traffic and safety needs. At present, track is not being further developed on the Kiul-Gaya line. Amenities on the various lines are augmented from time to time depending on growth of traffic and availability of funds. However, a provision for foot overbridge at Kiul has been made costing Rs.31.19 lakhs.