

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7107

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RENOVATION OF METRE-GAUGE TRACKS OF BARAK VALLEY

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Metre-Gauge tracks in Barak Valley have become very old and currently in absolute worn out condition due to negligence and lack of proper maintenance and timely renovation;

(b) if so, when the metre gauge tracks of Barak Valley were last renovated and the reasons for not doing the renovation work timely; and

(c) the amount spent on maintenance of tracks/renovation of this sector during each of the last three years, section-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): The track in Barak Valley is not in worn out condition.

Repair and maintenance of Railway track is an on- going process. Maintenance works are carried out regularly depending upon the need. For ensuring safety of traffic, track is inspected regularly and corrective action taken promptly wherever required. Speed restrictions are also imposed for ensuring safety, if the situation so warrants. Track renewals are also undertaken based on age-cum-condition basis and subject to availability of funds.

(b): A total of 62.33 km. of track was renewed during 2004-05 in Metre Gauge track of Barak Valley.

(c): The amount spent during last three years on renovation of Metre - Gauge (MG) Track in Barak Valley is as under:

Year	Utilization of fund (Fig. in thousand of rupees)
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2002-03	37691
2003-04	37906
2004-05	69929