

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:25
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2005
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY LINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted for constructing new Railway lines;
- (b) the number of new lines proposed to be constructed during 2005- 2006, Zone-wise; (
- (c) whether any steps have been taken to start the construction of any of those new lines so far;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

(MINISTER OF RAILWAYS) (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 25 BY SHRI JUAL ORAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.11.05 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY LINES.

(a): The policy for taking up new line projects was enunciated by the National Transport Policy Committee in 1980. This policy states that new lines would be taken up on the following criteria:

- (i) Project oriented lines to serve new industries for tapping mineral and other resources.
- (ii) Missing links for completing alternative routes to relieve congestion on existing saturated routes.
- (iii) Lines required for strategic reasons; and
- (iv) Lines for establishment of new growth centers or giving access to remote areas.

Apart from this, the financial viability of the project is also taken into consideration. As per extant norms, a project is considered financially justified if it yields a financial return of not less than 14% under Discounted Cash Flow Method.

(b) to (e): As on 01.04.05, a total of 77 New Line projects are in various stages of progress in the Indian Railways. The break-up of these 77 projects Zone-wise is as below:-

Railway Number of new line
projects in progress

Central	4
East Coast	6
East Central	13
Eastern	5
North Central	4
North Eastern	3
Northeast Frontier	7
Northern	9
North Western	3
South Central	8
South East Central	2
South Eastern	1
Southern	4
South Western	5
West Central	1
Western	2

Total 77

Out of these, the following 6 projects are programmed for completion fully/partially in 2005-06:-

S. No	Railway	Name of project/section target for completion during 2005-06	Length (in Kms)
1	East Central	Nekpur-Natesar of Rajgir-Tilaya	10
2	East Central	Sanjauli-Piro of Ara-Sasaram	30
3	Eastern	Banka-Barhat of Deogarh-Sultanganj	13
4	Western	Gandhinagar-Kalol	10
5	North Western	Kolayat-Phalodi	111
6	Northern	Chandigarh-Morinda	45
	Total	219	