

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REPLACEMENT OF OLD RAILWAY TRACKS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of old railway tracks in the country, gauge-wise;
- (b) whether the Committee on Railway Safety has recommended for replacing of old railway tracks and rolling stocks;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to replace the old tracks and rolling stocks as recommended by the Railways Safety Committee?

Answer

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

(a): The total track Kilo Metre as on 31.3.04 on Indian Railway is 1,08,486 Km (including yards). Out of this 88,547 Km is on Broad Gauge, 16,489 Km on Metre Gauge and 3,450 Km on Narrow Gauge.

Track becoming due for renewal on age-cum-condition basis is sanctioned for renewals. It is a continuous process. As on 31.3.05, about 12,100 Km track renewal works are sanctioned. Out of this 4,000 Km has been targeted for renewal in the current financial year.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): The recommendations have been accepted by the Ministry of Railways. A Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF) of Rs.17,000 Cr has been created to wipe out the arrears of track and rolling stock etc., which had accrued up to March `2001. It is planned to complete these works by 31.3.07.

Assets becoming due for replacement after April `2001 is to be replaced under Depreciation Reserve Fund (DRF).