

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1291  
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2004  
PROPOSAL FOR DOUBLE RAIL TRACK  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to double the railway tracks at all the places in the country where single rail lines still exist;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, zonewise; and
- (c) the progress made in this regard so far ?

**Answer**

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

(a) TO (c) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1291 BY S/SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT AND DINSHA PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15-07-2004 REGARDING DOUBLING OF RAILWAY TRACK.

(a) to (c): No, Sir. Doubling of a section is taken up only when the line capacity is saturated subject to operational requirement and availability of resources.

At present 89 doubling projects are in various stages of progress all over the country and in addition 5 new doubling works have been included in the budget 2004-05. These projects on completion will add about 2531 kms of additional track.

Zonewise details of doubling works are as follows:-

Railway (Zone) Number of Total  
Works length (in Kms)

Central	4	72.48
East Coast	8	169.20
East Central	9	162.09
Eastern	14	265.64
North Central	8	152.03
North Eastern	4	80.56
Northeast Frontier	2	36.00
Northern	11	451.41
North Western	1	54.75
South Central	5	357.10
South East Central	4	164.63
Southern	14	282.44
South Eastern	3	61.60
South Western	4	131.45
Western	3	89.45

TOTAL 94 2530.83