

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY PROJECTS

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have stopped work on rail projects in the backward and remote areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to execute rail developmental works in the backward and remote areas for the balanced development of the country?

**Answer**

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): A number of initiatives have been taken for generating additional resources through Public/Private partnership, cost sharing by State Governments, funding through Ministry of Defence and National Projects. With the increased internal resource generation, all doubling and few gauge conversion projects are funded through `Capital Fund`; thereby increasing the overall availability of resources for New Line and Gauge Conversion works including those in backward and remote areas, which will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.