

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Railway divisions in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal where traffic is affected due to single track;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to double the rail track in these divisions for smoother railway traffic;
- (c) if so, the details and steps taken so far in this regard;
- (d) the routes in these divisions where electric trains are operating ; and
- (e) the time by which all the routes in these divisions are likely to be electrified?

Answer

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

- (a): The traffic is affected in 5 divisions of Madhya Pradesh, 4 of Chattisgarh and 7 of West Bengal due to single track.
- (b)&(c): Yes Sir. Work has been taken up on different critical sections of Bhopal, Sambalpur, Bilaspur, Waltair, Sealdah, Howrah, Asansol & Kharagpur Divisions. Doubling work has been completed on two sections on Katihar Division. Surveys for doubling of some of the sections have been taken.
- (d): Routes Electrified on electric trains are operating.
 - (A) Madhya Pradesh
 - (1) Bina-Katni-Anuppur-Bishrampur
 - (2) Bina-Bhopal-Itarsi-Khandwa-Bhusawal
 - (3) Bhopal-Ujjain-Nagda-Ratlam-Dahod
 - (4) Dholpur-Gwalior-Jhansi-Bina
 - (5) Itarsi-Amla-Nagpur
 - (B) Chhattisgarh
 - (1) Anuppur-Bilaspur-Raipur-Durg-Bartalo
 - (2) Anuppur-Bishrampur/Chirimiri
 - (3) Champa-Gevra Road
 - (4) Koraput-Kirandul
 - (C) West Bengal
 - (1) Howrah-Bardwan Junction(JN)-Asansol Jn-Dhanbad Jn
 - (2) Howrah-Bandel-Katwa
 - (3) Sealdah-Naihati Jn-Ranaghat-Gede
 - (4) Ranaghat-Krishnanagar City
 - (5) Ranaghat-Bangaon-Barsat Jn-Dumdum
 - (6) Barsat-Hasnabad
 - (7) Sealdah-Bally gunge Jn-Sonarapur
 - (8) Baruipur Jn-Diamond Harbour
 - (9) Baruipur Jn- Kakdwip
 - (10) Sonarapur-Canning
 - (11) Howrah-Kharagpur-Tatanagar
 - (12) Chandil-Adra-Midnapur-Kharagpur
 - (13) Purulia-Kotsila-Muri
 - (14) Kharagpur-Rupsa Jn.
- (e): Electrification of Rail Lines is a need based exercise which is reviewed on continuous basis. Only those routes having rate of return of more than 14% and/or operationally required are taken up for electrification. However, electrification works are in progress in the following sections in the state of Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal.

Madhya Pradesh

(1) Bina-Kota (Partly)

(2) Indore- Ujjain and Dewas-Maksi

West Bengal

(1) Krishnanagar-Lalgola

(2) Andal-Pandabeswar