

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:85  
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2006  
RAIL DENSITY IN VARIOUS STATES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the rail density in various States of the country;
- (b) whether there is any specific programme to increase density in the areas/States having very low density; and
- (c) if so, the efforts made by the Government to increase rail density in those States where it is very low as compared to other States?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI LALU PRASAD )

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION BY SHRI DHANUSKODI R. ATHITHAN TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.02.2006 .RDING RAIL DENSITY IN VARIOUS STATES.

The rail density (raii route kilometres per, 1000 square kms. of area) in various States of the country is given below:-

Name of the State/ Route kilometres per 1000  
Union Territory square kilometres of area

Andhra Pradesh	18.92
Arunachal Pradesh	0.02
Assam	31.95
Bihar	35.89
Chhattisgarh	8.52
Delhi	137.71
Goa	18.64
Gujarat	26.96
Haryana	36.12
Himachal Pradesh	5.12
Jammu & Kashmir	0.62
Jharkhand	24.35
Karnataka	15.55
Kerala	27.02
Madhya Pradesh	15.93
Maharashtra	17.96
Manipur	0.06
Mizoram	0.07
Nagaland	0.78
Orissa	14.64
Punjab	41.64
Rajasthan	17.06
Tamil Nadu	32.07
Tripura	6.14
Uttar Pradesh	35.82
Uttaranchal	6.45
West Bengal	43.45

Union Territory

Chandigarh	67.89
Pondicherry	22.56

Note: (i) The remaining States and Union Territories have no railway line,  
(ii) Route kilometres is as on 31.03.2005 (latest available) and area of States taken from the publication `India 2005` by Publication Division, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

(b) & (c) Planning and execution of Railway projects for expansion of the network is done in an integrated and need based manner keeping the national perspective in view. Geographical boundaries of a State, per se, do not form a criterion for determining Railway investments, especially in a scenario where many Railway projects span across more than one State. However, a number of new line projects have been taken up throughout the country which on completion would add to the route kilometres in various States.