

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3873
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2004
RENEWAL OF RAILWAY TRACKS
Boianapalli Shri Vinod Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the tracks became due for renewal in the Indian Railways during the last three years and total achievement made so far since 2003 along with expenditure incurred thereon;
- (b) the total tracks due for renewal during 2004-05 and achievements made so far;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any target for track renewal for the next three years and the plan chalked out to fulfil the target;
- (d) whether track renewal in Indian Railways goes through at a very slow pace; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3873 BY SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.12.2004 REGARDING RENEWAL OF RAILWAY TRACKS.

(a): Track length totaling to 16538 Km, was due renewal as on 1.4.01 and was sanctioned under Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF) during the year 2001-02 and 2002-03. Track becoming due for renewal in the period after 01.04.2001, is sanctioned under Depreciation Reserve Fund (DRF) and the position is as under:

Year Track Renewal Sanctioned (in Km)

2002-03	1986
2003-04	2932

The total progress achieved and expenditure incurred since 2003 is as under:

Year Progress (in Km) Expenditure Rs. in crore (Gross)

2002-03	4776	3298
2003-04 (Prov.)	4986	3486

(b) : The details are as under:

Year Track renewal Sanctioned (in kms) Total Progress Achieved Up to Nov'04 (in kms)

(c): Railways have planned to do 23,000 Km of track renewal, during Tenth Five Year Plan i.e. from 2002-03 to 2006-07. Uptill now (upto Nov.'04) 12768 Km of track renewal has been done.

The yearly targets for track renewal are fixed keeping in view the likely availability of funds and the Plan Size for the Railways. Planning is accordingly made to achieve the targets.

(d): No, Sir. The track renewal progress was of the order of 3000 Km a year during 2000-2001, before setting up of SRSF. This has now increased to nearly 5000 Km during the year 2003-04.

(e): Does not arise.