

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:18
ANSWERED ON:15.11.2007
EXPENDITURE ON TRACK RENEWAL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a wasteful expenditure on track renewal works on sections identified for gauge conversion;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken in this regard ?

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 18 BY SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.11.2007 REGARDING EXPENDITURE ON TRACK RENEWAL.

(a): No, Sir. Track renewals are part of track maintenance activities which are carried out as and when track becomes due for renewal on age-cum-condition basis criteria. The sections sanctioned for gauge conversion do need maintenance works for safe operations of traffic. Therefore, expenditure incurred on track renewal works on sections identified for gauge conversion is not wasteful expenditure.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Review of track renewal works are carried out prior to execution, depending upon the progress of gauge conversion works and condition of tracks and accordingly decision is taken to either delete the work completely or execute portion of work needing attention.