

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGICAL UPGRADATION  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have initiated significant makeovers in its infrastructure as reported in Financial Express dated 27.9.07;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which the Railways proposes to manage funds for such technological makeover; and
- (d) the details of the targets fixed for completion of infrastructure and technological upgradation projects during 2007-08 by the Indian Railways?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Indian Railways have planned large scale infrastructure improvements and modernisation for augmenting capacity including upgradation of existing network to higher axle load on mineral routes, construction of Dedicated Freight Corridors, Gauge Conversion, setting up of new Production Units etc.

(c) & (d): The funds required for the projects will be through a mix of internal generation, market borrowings, budgetary and non-budgetary resources including multilateral and bilateral funding.

In 2007-08, Indian Railways have set a target of 500 Kilometres of New Line, 700 Kilometres of Doubling and 1800 Kilometres of Gauge Conversion.