

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1529  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

**TRACK RENEWAL**

**1529. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Railways has taken a decision to complete all track renewal projects by 2017-18;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether about 4000-4500 km. of tracks will be supplied for 17 zones this year; and**

**(d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) & (b) Railway tracks are replaced through track renewal works which is an ongoing process. Track renewal works are undertaken as and when stretch of track becomes due for renewal on the basis of criteria laid down in Indian Railway Permanent Way Manual on age/condition basis viz. traffic carried in terms of gross million tonnes, incidence of rail fracture/failure, wear of rails, corrosion of rails, maintainability of track as per standards, etc.**

**Track Renewal works are planned in advance every year and their execution is prioritized according to the condition of track and overall availability of funds ensuring that track is in a sound condition all the time for safe running of trains. If any stretch of track is not renewed in time due to various reasons, suitable speed restrictions, if required, are imposed to ensure safe running of trains. For the year 2017-18, 3600 km target has been kept for track renewal.**

**(c) & (d) For through renewal of rails and track components, including casual renewal of rails in 2017-18, it is planned to supply about 7.7 lakh Metric Tonnes rails to the 17 Zonal Railways, which includes Through Rail Renewal of 4389 km of track.**

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