

For important projects, capacity enhancement projects, last mile connectivity etc., institutional financing has been done by arranging loan from M/s Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited for ₹ 1.5 lakh crore, which has increased Railways' capacity for committed fund provision for essential projects.

Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh

1438. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh was created in 2017-18 for safety works;
- (b) if so, the amount earmarked for the purpose; and
- (c) the amount spent so far and safety measures undertaken especially in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. 'Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh' has been introduced in 2017-18 for safety works relating renewal, replacement, upgradation of critical safety assets under Capital segment of Budget.

(b) The fund has a corpus of ₹ 1 lakh crore over a period of five years, with an annual outlay of ₹ 20,000 crore.

(c) In 2017-18, expenditure of ₹ 16091 crore has been incurred from 'Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh'. The Fund under 'Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh' is utilized to finance works under plan heads Traffic Facilities, Rolling Stock, Level Crossings, Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges, Track Renewal, Bridge Works, Signal and Telecommunication Works, other Electrical Works, Traction Distribution Works, Machinery and Plant, Workshop, Passenger Amenities and Training/Human Resource Development. Safety measures undertaken by Indian Railways are not maintained State-wise.

MPLADS funds for Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

†1439. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to provide additional funds in MPLADS for Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) The MPLAD Scheme provides for convergence with individual/stand-alone projects of other Central and State Government schemes in accordance with the Scheme guidelines, if such works of Central/State Government Schemes are eligible under MPLADS. There is no separate provision for allocation of funds for Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana under MPLADS, however, projects under the MPLAD Scheme can be implemented in the adopted villages under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, if they are recommended by the concerned Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

Revision of GDP data

1440. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Statistics Office (CSO) has recently revised the GDP growth rate during previous Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of times the GDP growth rate of previous years has been revised by CSO, so far; and

(d) the rationale for the revision of GDP data by CSO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) The Government has released the Back-Series estimates of GDP for the years 2004-05 to 2010-11 as per the new series methodology (Base Year 2011-12) through its press release dated 28.11.2018. The following table provides GDP and GDP growth rates at 2011-12 Base and 2004-05 Base at constant prices.

Years	Estimates at Constant Prices			
	2011-12 Base		2004-05 Base (as released earlier)	
	GDP (in ₹ lakh crore)	GDP Growth Rate (in %)	GDP (in ₹ lakh crore)	GDP Growth Rate (in %)
1	2	3	4	5
2004-05	54.80		32.42	
2005-06	59.15	7.9	35.43	9.3