

Railway track electrification

1539. SHRI K.P. MUNUSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways propose to fast track electrification projects in the country in view of rising expenditure on fuel;

(b) if so, the details of present status of ongoing projects, State-wise;

(c) if so, the details of the achieved targets so far, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to expedite the projects, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Ministry of Railways has planned for 100% electrification of its Broad Gauge (BG) routes by December, 2023.

(b) and (c) Railway projects are not confined to State/Union Territories (UT)/ Districts. However, zone-wise details of Railway Electrification as on 01.04.2020 are as under:-

Zonal Railways	Total BG Route Kilometer	Electrified Route Kilometer	Balance Route Kilometer as on 01.04.2020
1	2	3	4
Central	3,853	2,928	925
East Coast	2,774	2,774	0
East Central	3,883	3,336	547
Eastern	2,804	2,235	569
North Central	3,222	2,569	653
North Eastern	2,994	1,738	1,256
Northeast Frontier	4,112	319	3,793
Northern	7,057	4,816	2,241
North Western	5,083	1,801	3,282
South Central	6,058	3,744	2,314

1	2	3	4
South East central	2,099	1,863	236
South Eastern	2,713	2,392	321
Southern	4,834	3,381	1,453
South Western	3,566	731	2,835
West Central	3,010	2,525	485
Western	4,805	2,578	2,227
METRO Railway	27	27	0
Konkan Railway Corporation Limited	737	109	628
TOTAL	63,631	39,866	23,765

(d) To expedite electrification of railway lines in the country, various steps have been taken including award of large size Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) contracts, better project monitoring mechanism, assured/committed funds through Extra Budgetary Resource (Institutional Finance), decentralization of powers to field units, utilisation of technology etc.

Death of migrant labourers in trains

1540. SHRI M. SHANMUGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of migrant labourers who died while in journey in the special trains for taking them to their home States in the last four months;

(b) the number of complaints received about inhuman conditions in the journey and action taken by the Railways;

(c) the reasons for so many deaths in trains; and

(d) whether any compensation was paid to the kith and kin of the victims, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Policing on Railways being a State subject, prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and