

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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MEETING FUND REQUIREMENTS THROUGH BORROWINGS

1420. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken to meet fund requirement through borrowings for financing national projects of Railways along with the repayment liability in the last five years and current year as on date; and
- (b) the future action plan worked out in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS &
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): National Projects are generally financed through Gross Budgetary Support (GBS). For the first time in consultation with Ministry of Finance (MOF), in 2018-19 and 2019-20 few identified National Projects were financed through Extra Budgetary Resources (EBR) from Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC). MOF also agreed to bear repayment/interest liabilities through General Revenue (GBS). Accordingly, expenditure of Rs.5078.57 crore in 2018-19 and Rs.2498.41 crore in 2019-20 was incurred on National Projects from EBR through IRFC.

There was a moratorium of three years on repayment of EBR and hence no repayment was made till 2020-21. In the current year, a provision of Rs.211 crore (capital component) and Rs.598 crore (interest component) on account of debt service liability for National Projects has been made, which is being met by Budgetary Support from Ministry of Finance as agreed upon by MOF.

In 2020-21, due to resource constraints expenditure which was previously charged to Capital/Railway Safety Fund works, was financed through Extra Budgetary Resources (Special) as a one-time arrangement. This also included expenditure of Rs.10703 crore (approx.) on National Projects during 2020-21.

For 2021-22, Rs.12985 crore have been provided for National Projects from Gross Budgetary Support.

As regards future action plan, Ministry of Railways intend to fund these National Projects from GBS as provided by MOF.