GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 466
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.11.2019

OLD AND OUDATED TRACKS

466.   SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is facing major problem due to old and outdated tracks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these outdated tracks are also the reasons for frequent railway accidents; and

(d) if so, the approximate length of tracks replaced by modern tracks during the last four years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 466 BY SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.11.2019 REGARDING OLD AND OUTDATED TRACKS

(a) to (d) No, Sir. Railway tracks are replaced through track renewal works which is an ongoing process. Track renewal works are undertaken as and when a 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. On Meter Gauge (MG) and Narrow Gauge (NG) tracks, which are sanctioned for Gauge conversion, the track renewal works, if required, are undertaken after due consideration of progress of execution of gauge conversion.

There has been no such report, which attributes a train accident to outdated tracks in past two years. Track renewal works are sanctioned every year on the basis of traffic carried and condition and their execution is prioritized according to condition of track and overall availability of funds.

Details of track renewal carried out in last four years and current year are as under:

Year	Progress (In Complete Track Renewal Units)
2015-16	2794
2016-17	2487
2017-18	4023
2018-19	4181
2019-20	2643 (upto October, 2019)

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