



New Railway Projects

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Zone-wise details of Preliminary Engineering cum Traffic Surveys (PETS) conducted during the Five Year Plan Period 2012-17 for new line projects are as tabulated below:-

Railways	No. of new line surveys conducted between 2012-17
Central	12
East Coast	18
East Central	5
Eastern	2
North Central	14
North Eastern	5
Northeast Frontier	16
Northern	39
North Western	24
South Central	14
South East Central	27
South Eastern	6
Southern	29
South Western	13
West Central	7
Western	13

Out of the above, 3 Nos. new line projects have been sanctioned.

Reconnaissance / Preliminary Engineering cum Traffic Survey is pre-requisite for consideration of any new investment proposal for new projects to assess the likely investment, traffic potential and return from the same. Based on the outcome of Reconnaissance / Preliminary Engineering cum Traffic Survey, projects are sanctioned / included in Budget Document(Pink Book) on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing project, overall availability of funds and competing demands. Zone-wise details of new line surveys shelved after examination are given below.

Railways	No. of new line surveys conducted between 2012-17
Central	5
East Coast	4
East Central	0

Eastern	1
North Central	6
North Eastern	2
Northeast Frontier	3
Northern	19
North Western	13
South Central	8
South East Central	12
South Eastern	3
Southern	22
South Western	8
West Central	1
Western	5

These projects could not be taken forward due to their unremunerative nature and large shelf of ongoing projects. An expenditure of ` 68.84 cr has been incurred on these surveys.

This Press Release is based on the information given by the Minister of State for Railways Shri Rajen Gohain in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha on 19.07.2017 (Wednesday).

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