



Status of Track Renewal In Railways

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Track renewal targets are fixed every year zone-wise. The details of track renewal target and actual renewal since 2014 onwards year-wise and zone-wise are as under:

Zonal Railway	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	
	Target	Actual renewal	Target	Actual renewal	Target	Actual renewal	Target	Actual renewal (up to November 2017)
Central	200	205	220	185	220	195	275	115
Eastern	183	185	200	162	192	178	246	125
East Central	171	203	150	202	187	180	225	163
East Coast	62	60	110	116	103	119	243	122
Northern	385	383	390	387	532	281	615	246
North Central	130	152	150	164	166	111	192	92
North Eastern	68	45	90	80	78	81	105	57
Northeast Frontier	27	34	50	95	37	42	43	42
North Western	24	24	50	59	71	80	155	75
Southern	102	135	150	187	198	207	406	171
South Central	175	208	190	278	118	150	147	100
South Eastern	110	168	150	209	103	190	209	186
South East Central	102	107	120	119	174	123	161	83
South Western	102	96	110	118	105	117	170	96
Western	165	194	190	229	216	240	252	205
West Central	194	225	180	204	168	193	156	129

Total	2200	2424	2500	2794	2668	2487	3600	2007
All figures in kilometers of Complete Track Renewal (CTR) units								

The details of funds allocated for track renewal since 2014 onwards, year-wise and zone-wise are as under:

Zonal Railway	Funds allocated for track renewal (₹ In Crore)			
	RE 2014-15	RE 2015-16	RE 2016-17	BE 2017-18
Central	372	427.70	515.70	808.66
Eastern	364	314.90	513.48	543.85
East Central	318.24	398.30	470	652.97
East Coast	160	217.30	229.05	738.92
Northern	650	616.64	780	1400.70
North Central	330	376.20	433.02	433.16
North Eastern	145	141	212	316.08
Northeast Frontier	152	225.18	257.97	258.90
North Western	86	95.66	192.87	442.03
Southern	290	347.80	499.48	1066.02
South Central	421	500.20	435.27	604.66
South Eastern	308	384.20	515	594.24
South East Central	326	283.28	277.51	382.09
South Western	160	181.48	255.54	386.01
Western	411	390.10	514	712.54
West Central	531	520.36	632.56	602.80
Total	5024.24	5420.30	6733.45	9943.63
RE - Revised Estimates, BE - Budget Estimates				

Track renewal is an ongoing process which is undertaken as and when a stretch of track becomes due for renewal on age/condition basis. Track Renewal works are planned in advance every year and their execution is prioritized according to the condition of track ensuring all the time that track is in a sound condition for safe running of trains. In case any stretch of track is not renewed in time due to various reasons, suitable speed restrictions, if required, are imposed to ensure safe running of trains. As on 01.04.2017, track renewal covering 7546 km is sanctioned out of which 3600 km is targeted for the year 2017-18. Normally, track renewal works are completed in two to three years of sanction.

Replacement of all lever frames and Semaphore Signalling system with Electronic/Panel/Route Relay Interlocking (EI/PI/RRI) system and Multiple Aspect Colour Light Signalling (MACLS) are progressively being done on age cum condition basis. A total 235 Nos. of stations are remaining with Semaphore Signals as on 31.03.2017. These are likely to be replaced with MACLS with EI/PI/RRI in next three years.

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