

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1083
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023

RATLAM-DUNGARPUR-BANSWARA RAILWAY LINE

1083 SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government of Rajasthan has submitted a proposal to the Central Government to fast track the execution of Ratlam-Dungarpur-Banswara new railway line project;
- (b) if so, whether Government will consider to grant approval to the proposal, especially in view of the proposed line passing through predominantly tribal areas; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1083 BY SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 10.02.2023 REGARDING RATLAM-DUNGARPUR-BANSWARA RAILWAY LINE

(a) to (c): Ratlam-Dungarpur via Banswara (188 Km) new line project was sanctioned on 2011-12 with the proviso to share 50% of the final construction cost of the project and providing land free of cost by the State Government of Rajasthan.

The total requirement of land for the project is 1736 Hectares, out of which, Government of Rajasthan has acquired only 646 Hectares land so far and deposited only ₹ 200 crores as a part of construction cost of the project. Government of Rajasthan has refused to share 50% revised cost of the project and requested that the entire construction cost should be borne by Railways.

Since Government of Rajasthan has neither provided the total land required for the project nor deposited their share to Railways as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the project is presently held up on account of the same.

Further, on the request of Government of Rajasthan, Bankability study of project was completed and as per report, the cost of the project (excluding the cost of the land) has been assessed as ₹ 4262.35 crore with the Rate of Return as (+) 2.73 %. Since, this cost is without considering the cost of land, hence, if the cost of the complete land for setting up of this project is also included then the Rate of Return of the project will be further reduced.

Government of Rajasthan has been requested that to make the project viable. Government of Rajasthan can consider providing land free of cost. However, Government of Rajasthan has not agreed for providing land free of cost. Project is held up on this account.
