GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2857 ANSWERED ON 24.03.2023

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE IN MIZORAM

2857 SHRI K. VANLALVENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the timeline for the construction of Railway line between Bairabi to Sairang;
- (b) the total amount already sanctioned for this project;
- (c) the total amount for completion of the whole project; and
- (d) whether Government has any proposal to extend railway from Sihhmui to Zorinpui via Lawngtlai which is in the Southern part of Mizoram?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2857 BY SHRI K. VANLALVENA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 24.03.2023 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE IN MIZORAM

(a) to (c): Bhairabi - Sairang (51 km) new line project was sanctioned in 2008-09. Last sanctioned cost of the project is ₹5021.45 crore. Latest anticipated cost of the project is ₹7000 crore. An expenditure of ₹4,952 crore has been incurred on the project upto March 2022. An outlay of ₹1,005 crore was provided for the financial year 2022-23 and further, an outlay of ₹915 crore has been proposed for the financial year 2023-24.

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project/s. With above constraints, every effort is being made to execute the project/s expeditiously.

(d): Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railways. Railway Infrastructure Projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

At present, there is no proposal to extend railway line from Sihhmui to Zorinpui via Lawngtlai.
