

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 246
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023

ANGAMALY-ERUMELI RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

***246** SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railway Board has considered the Revised Estimate (RE) submitted by the Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited for the Angamaly-Erumeli railway line project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to defreeze the Angamaly-Erumeli project, sanction the RE and proceed with the execution works; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 246 BY SHRI JOSE K. MANI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.08.2023 REGARDING ANGAMALY-ERUMELI RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

(a) to (d): Angamali-Sabarimala via Erumeli new line project was sanctioned in 1997-98. Work on Angamali-Kaladi (7 Km) and long lead works on Kaladi-Perumbavoor (10 Km) have been taken up. However, further works on this project could not be taken forward due to protests by local people against land acquisition and fixing of alignment of the line, court cases filed against the project and inadequate support from the State Government of Kerala.

Due to the alignment being in thick forest area and issues of survey, it was decided to terminate the alignment at Erumeli, which is about 35 KM from Sabarimala shrine. Accordingly, Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the project from Angamali up to Erumeli (111 Km) has been prepared by M/s KRDCL. The Estimated cost of the project has been updated by M/s KRDCL at ₹3726.95 crore.

Meanwhile, demand has been received for exploring new railway line from Chengannur to Pamba which is a shorter route for Sabarimala Shrine. Pamba is situated about 4 Km away from Sabarimala shrine. Final Location Survey for Chengannur - Pamba (75 Km) new line has been sanctioned. The survey of said work has been taken up for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR).
