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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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NILAMBUR–NANJANGUD RAILWAY LINE

2201 SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the Nilambur–Nanjangud railway line project;
- (b) whether Government intends to start the project in the current financial year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if no, the reasons for delay?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (d): The alignment of Nilambur – Nanjangud (236 Km) new line passes through ecologically sensitive forest areas. However, to explore the various alternatives and assess the traffic projections, the Final Location Survey (FLS) for this line has been sanctioned.

Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Railway infrastructure projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, 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.

Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹372 crore/year
2024-25	₹3,011 crore (more than 8 times)

Though fund allocation has increased manifold but pace of execution of project is dependent on expeditious land acquisition. Railway acquires the land through State Government and the completion of a railway projects is dependent of land acquisition. However, Execution of important infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Kerala are held up due to delay in land acquisition. Status of land acquisition in the State of Kerala is as under:

Total Land required for Projects in Kerala	475 Ha
Land Acquired	64 Ha (13%)
Balance Land to be acquired	411 Ha (87%)

Government of India is geared up to execute projects, however success depends upon the support of Government of Kerala. Railway had deposited ₹2111.83 crore for land acquisition to Government of Kerala.

Support of the Government of Kerala is needed to expedite the land acquisition. For instance, details of some major projects which are delayed due to land acquisition are as under:-

SN	Name of the project	Total land required (in Ha)	Land acquired (in Ha)	Balance Land to be acquired (in Ha)
1.	Angamali - Sabarimala new line (111 Km)	416	24.4	391.6
2.	Ernakulam – Kumbalam Patch Doubling (8 Km)	4.2	1.59	2.61
3.	Kumbalam - Turavur Patch Doubling (16 Km)	10.3	5.30	5
4.	Trivandrum – Kanyakumari Doubling (87 Km)	40.15	32.69	7.46
5.	Shoranur – Vallathol Doubling (10 Km)	4.77	0	4.77
