GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 46 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.11.2016

DETAILS OF APPROVED RAIL PROJECTS

†46. SHRI ALOK SANJAR: SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the zone-wise details including the west-central zone of Rail Projects Specialy in Maharashtra State approved during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the zone-wise details including the west-central zone of the funds allocated and used for the said projects; and
- (c) the zone-wise number of projects lagging behind the scheduled time and the number of projects pending due to financial hurdles?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(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. 46 BY SHRI ALOK SANJAR AND SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.11.2016 REGARDING DETAILS OF APPROVED RAIL PROJECTS

(a) & (b): The zone-wise details of Railway Projects included in Railway Budgets during the last three years and the current year i.e. 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17 including the west-central zone are as below: -

(₹ in Crore)

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Zonal Railway	No. of projects sanctioned	Length (in km)	Latest Cost	Exp. upto 31.3.2016	Outlay 2016-17
Central	15	2342	25631.15	0.01	752.14
East Coast	10	1765	18736	1.00	1324.04
East Central	22	1373.7	15381.99	103.90	1192.14
Eastern	4	233	4307	0.52	100.04
North Central	14	1205.18	15806.41	44.57	827.18
North Eastern	15	1304.65	12167.51	2.65	617.68
Northeast Frontier	6	731.65	9776.95	11.00	110.03
Northern	19	1571.1	18606	0.61	887.32
North Western	6	595.8	2934.77	15.15	388.15
South Central	12	2107	20603	1.51	458.13
South East Central	13	2000.7	16514	93.70	1572.04
South Eastern	8	610.3	6136.09	152.00	436.06
Southern	8	484.7	6092.93	24.43	648.7
South Western	9	1225	9909.37	8.43	885.83
West Central	9	951.23	9652.62	17.34	745.21
Western	9	647.67	4515.2	21.00	856.06

Year-wise outlays against these projects are available in the Budget Documents (Volume-II, Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme of Railways), laid on the Table of the House alongwith annual Railway Budget.

(c): Every railway project requires a number of clearances from various Ministries and Departments of State/Central Governments. These, inter-alia, include clearances inherent to land acquisition, forestry clearance and permission for crossing from departments like National Highway Authority of India, Public Works Department, Irrigation canals etc; and also clearances of Archeological Survey of India if the alignment passes in vicinity of a protected monument, local bodies for projects passing through urban areas, etc which are part of project execution. Process of seeking the approvals/clearances causes delay in completion of the projects. As a result, most of the ongoing projects are running behind schedule and facing cost overruns. In addition, as per the prevailing system, funds are allocated on yearly basis based on the Gross Budgetary Support from Ministry of Finance & internal generation. It is not possible to measure extent of time and cost over-runs due to several factors as mentioned above. However, it is Railways' endeavour to complete the ongoing projects expeditiously.
