

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 61
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.11.2016**

RAIL DOUBLING ACTIVITIES

61. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the under-utilization of funds sanctioned for rail doubling activities in various sectors in Kerala;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned and released for doubling activities for Ambalappuzha-Haripad, Ernakulam-Kumbalam and Kumbalam-Thuravur sectors;**
- (d) whether Railways has taken any measures to complete the doubling activities in these sectors in a time bound manner; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 61 BY SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.11.2016 REGARDING RAIL DOUBLING ACTIVITIES

(a) to (c): Funds allotted to ongoing doubling projects are utilized based on the works planned during the year which, however, get affected by delay in land acquisition, litigations, protest by local people, shifting of utilities etc. Details of outlay provided during 2016-17 for Ambalapuzha-Haripad, Ernakulam-Kumbalam & Kumbalam-Thuravur doubling projects are as under:-

S. No.	Project	Anticipated Cost (₹ in crore)	Outlay 2016-17 (₹ in crore)
1.	Ernakulam-Kumbalam (8 Km)	189	30
2.	Kumbalam-Thuravur (16 Km)	253	35
3.	Ambalapuzha-Haripad (18 Km)	289	78

(d) and (e): Various measures have been taken to expedite completion of above doubling projects including substantial increase in allocation of funds, delegation of powers at field level, nomination of nodal officers for improved co-ordination with the State Governments etc. Chief Minister of Kerala has also been requested to expedite the land acquisition for doubling project.
