GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2042 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018

ON-GOING PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

2042. SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN: SHRI MOHD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of on-going projects in West Bengal;
- (b) whether the work on these projects is progressing as per schedule;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): At present, Railways have taken up 57 major projects comprising 17 New Lines, 36 Doublings and 4 Gauge Conversions falling fully/partly in the State of West Bengal at consolidated latest anticipated cost of ₹39454 crore with consolidated outlay of ₹1387 crore made for the year 2018-19.

These projects are progressing as per availability of funds. Apart from availability of funds, completion of projects depends upon several factors like complete handing over of encumbrance-free land by the State Government, forestry clearances, shifting of utilities, Road over/under bridges, canal & electrical crossings, etc. Hence, no time-frame has been fixed for completion of these projects.