

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4174
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018**

ONGOING PROJECTS UNDER SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

4174. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the South Central Railway recently held a meeting with MPs of Andhra Pradesh State in Amaravati to review the present ongoing railway projects and to finalise the new routes;**
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;**
- (c) whether it is a fact that it is a customary to hold such meetings before the budget every year and the priority projects are not included in the budget; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

- (a) & (b) A meeting was held by General Manager, South Central Railway with Hon'ble MPs of Andhra Pradesh State at Vijayawada on 09.01.2018. During the meeting various issues including ongoing**

Railway Projects and new routes were discussed. Action on the issues discussed is taken at appropriate level viz division, zone and Railway Board level.

(c) & (d) Meetings are held at various levels and projects are included depending upon the overall operational requirement, financial viability, last mile connectivity and considering the throwforward of ongoing projects. During the budget 2018-19 one doubling work of Pennukonda to Dharmavaram of length 41.50 Km amounting ₹ 294.5 crore has been included in Pinkbook 2018-19. In Budget 2017-18 one new line work of Vijayawada-Guntur via Amravati was included.
