

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 118
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018**

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

†118. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of approved/sanctioned railway projects in Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year;**
- (b) the details of ongoing/running behind time schedule/pending railway projects during the said period, division-wise and project-wise;**
- (c) the extent of cost escalation in these projects including the projected cost thereof, project-wise and division-wise;**
- (d) the reasons for inordinate delay in completing these projects; and**
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to complete these projects expeditiously within a fixed time limit?**

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. 118 BY SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.07.2018 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

(a): 20 Railway projects consisting of 9 New Lines and 11 Doublings have been taken up during the last 3 years and current year falling partly/fully in the State of Maharashtra which are at various stages of execution.

(b): Projects are sanctioned zone-wise and not division-wise. Since 2014-15, based on physical progress of projects, last mile connectivity projects and projects for decongesting the existing routes have been given sufficient funds. Funds for capacity enhancement projects have also been arranged through institutional financing for assured funding of viable projects.

(c) & (d): Besides availability of funds, completion of projects depends on several factors such as land acquisition, forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, construction of road over and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies etc. Therefore, it is not possible to fix timelines for projects, consequently time and cost overrun of ongoing projects cannot be estimated.

(e): In addition to enhancement of fund allocation, regular co-ordination meetings are held with State Governments and with other Ministries of Government of India to expedite approvals and to remove impediments for these projects. Field units have also been empowered for faster decision making in executing railway projects.
