

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1298  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018**

**PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS**

**†1298. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:  
SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN:  
SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether approximately 300 railway projects are pending at present;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the measures being taken by the Ministry to expedite these pending railway projects;**
- (c) whether disappointment over the performance of Railways was expressed in the Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2015 mandated by the National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether as per the Urban Mobility India (UMI), Rs. 3 lakh crore and additional amount of Rs. 1 lakh crore are required for the completion of pending projects and doubling of railway tracks respectively; and**
- (e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to mobilise funds?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1298 BY SHRI RAJESH RANJAN, SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN AND SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 25.07.2018 REGARDING PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS**

**(a) & (b): At present, 500 Railway projects including 180 New Lines, 57 Gauge Conversion and 263 Doubling Projects are in different stage of execution. The completion of Railway projects requires clearances from various departments of State Government and Central Ministries like acquisition of land, statutory clearances like forestry and wild life, shifting of utilities etc. leading to delay in completion of projects. For timely completion of the projects, Railway is holding regular meetings with State Government and concerned Central Government officials on various issues involving alignment, land acquisition, forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of utilities etc. For important projects, capacity enhancement projects, last mile connectivity etc, institutional financing has been done by arranging loan from M/s Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited for ₹ 1.5 lakh crore, which has increased Railways' capacity for committed fund provision for essential projects.**

**(c): No, Madam.**

**(d): Urban Mobility India (UMI) is an annual conference organized under the aegis of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The main objective of the UMI is to share and disseminate knowledge to the participants and to help them remain up to date with best practices on urban transport. UMI is not concerned with the completion of pending railway projects.**

**(e): Does not arise.**

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