

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3539
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2018**

ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS

†3539. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether delay in completion of several ongoing railway projects is escalating the cost thereof;**
- (b) if so, the zone-wise details of such projects and the reasons for the delay;**
- (c) the details of the expenditure incurred on the said projects so far; and**
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the completion of these projects to avoid any further increase in the cost?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3539 BY SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2018 REGARDING ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) to (c): 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 and cost overrun of projects. Further, zone-wise details of works in progress and new works including, funds spent on each project, allotment of funds and expenditure are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in and are also available in Pink Books presented before the House along with Budget every year.

(d): 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, law & order problems, 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.
