GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1583
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2018

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED

†1583. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Konkan Railway Corporation Limited's (KRCL) plan to augment and enhance line capacity of its 736 km route connecting Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka and parts of Kerala is under scanner and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the works were not progressing at the envisaged pace and as per the Government's schedule and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Railway Board has prepared progress report of the project and if so, the findings thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to take help of the National Geo-physical Research Institute and the Ministry of Science and Technology to resolve issues faced in the foundation works; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) Konkan Railway's proposal for Capacity Augmentation by adding 141 km track doubling and 18 additional new stations has been cleared by NITI Aayog and Expanded Board for Railways. The proposal has been sent to Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) for approval.

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(b)&(c) The works of Capacity Augmentation of Konkan Railway route will commence on receipt of statutory approvals for the project.

(d) Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Geophysical Research Institute, an arm of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, under the Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India. However, this MoU is not related to the capacity augmentation proposal of KRCL.

(e) The MoU was signed with an objective to bring about speedy and accurate acquisition of geological information from surface to around 400 metres depth by heli-borne geophysical surveys in prospective tunnel projects undertaken by KRCL.With this collaboration, KRCL aims to propagate the technologies and prowess now available in India in meeting the challenges posed by uncertain geological conditions plaguing tunneling in mountains and hilly terrain.

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