

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2443  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.12.2018**

**COST OVERRUN OF PROJECTS**

**†2443. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
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ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:**

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

- (a) whether more than 216 rail projects are facing cost overruns as per the flash report presented by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation in July, 2018;**
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard and the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the original cost of the said rail projects along with the extent of rise in cost thereof and the period of delay in completion of the said projects;**
- (d) whether the Union Government has constituted a special task force for expediting the construction of the said rail projects;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the suggestions given by the said task force; and**
- (f) the measures undertaken by the Union Government for speedy completion of the said projects?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) to (f): At present, 503 Railway projects including 183 New Lines, 57 Gauge Conversion and 263 Doubling Projects are in**

**different stages of planning/ sanction/ approval execution. The completion of Railway projects requires clearances from various departments of State Government and Central Ministries like acquisition of land, statutory clearances etc. leading to time overrun and cost overrun. However, Railway is holding regular meetings with stake holders on various issues for timely completion of the projects.**

**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.**

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