

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1978
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.07.2019**

PROPOSAL OF RAILWAY PROJECTS

†1978. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cost of the rail projects has increased on account of non-completion of the said projects on time;**
- (b) if so, the number of projects of which cost has increased on account of delay in completion of the said projects as on date along with the details of increase in the cost of the projects, project-wise; and**
- (c) the reasons for the delay in completion of the projects along with the reaction of the Government thereto?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c): At present, 491 Railway projects including 189 New Lines, 55 Gauge Conversion and 247 Doubling Projects are in different stages of execution/planning/sanction. The total length of these projects is 48861 km costing ₹6.48 Lakh Crore. The total expenditure on these projects up to March, 2019 is ₹1.43 Lakh Crore and length commissioned is 9113 km.

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The timely completion of Railway projects without cost overrun requires quick and timely acquisition of land through State Government, shifting of utilities, various statutory clearances etc. and to achieve the same, Railway is holding regular meetings with State Government and concerned Central/State Government officials on various issues for timely land acquisition, shifting of utilities, forestry clearances, so that projects can be completed in time.

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.
