

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2517
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

RATLAM-DUNGARPUR RAILWAY PROJECT

**† 2517. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ratlam-Dungarpur *via* Banswara Railway Project was launched by the Union Government in 2014-15 and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the said railway project has been shelved;**
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the current status of the said project;**
- (d) the details of the cost of the said project along with the total funds spent thereon so far;**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to complete the said Railway line project with its own resources and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2517 BY SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA AND SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2023 REGARDING RATLAM-DUNGARPUR RAILWAY PROJECT

(a) to (f): Ratlam-Dungarpur via Banswara (188 Km) new line project was sanctioned on 2011-12 with the proviso to share 50% of the final construction cost of the project and providing land free of cost by the State Government of Rajasthan.

The total requirement of land for the project is 1736 Hectares, out of which, Government of Rajasthan has acquired only 646 Hectares land so far and deposited only ₹ 200 crores as a part of construction cost of the project. Government of Rajasthan has refused to share 50% revised cost of the project and requested that the entire construction cost should be borne by Railways.

Since Government of Rajasthan has neither provided the total land required for the project nor deposited their share to Railways as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the project is presently held up on account of the same.

Further, on the request of Government of Rajasthan, Bankability study of project was completed and as per report, the cost of the project (excluding the cost of the land) has been assessed as ₹ 4262.35 crore with the Rate of Return as (+) 2.73 %. Since, this cost is without considering the cost of land, hence, if the cost of the complete land for setting up of this project is also included, then the Rate of Return of the project will be further reduced.

Government of Rajasthan has been requested that to make the project viable, Government of Rajasthan can consider providing land free of cost. However, Government of Rajasthan has not agreed for providing land free of cost. Project is held up on this account.