

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1639
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

ANGAMALY-SABARI RAIL LINE

1639. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railway Board has given approval to the revised estimate of Angamaly-Sabari rail line;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the approval being kept pending;**
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the procedures and conditions required to de-freeze the Angamaly-Sabari railway project;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government is according priority to complete the Angamaly-Sabari Railway line or the Chengannur-Pampa railway project; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

**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. 1639 BY ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING ANGAMALY-SABARI RAIL LINE

(a) to (f): Angamali-Sabarimala via Erumeli new line project was sanctioned in 1997-98. Work on Angamali-Kaladi (7 Km) and long lead works on Kaladi-Perumbavoor (10 Km) was taken up. However, further works on this project could not be taken forward due to protests by local people against land acquisition and fixing of alignment of the line, court cases filed against the project and inadequate support from the State Government of Kerala.

Due to the alignment being in thick forest area and issues of survey, it was decided to terminate the alignment at Erumeli, which is about 35 KM from Sabarimala shrine. Accordingly, Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the project from Angamali up to Erumeli (111 Km) has been prepared by M/s KRDCCL. The Estimated cost of the project has been updated by M/s KRDCCL at ₹3726.95 crore.

Meanwhile, demand has been received for exploring new railway line from Chengannur to Pamba which is a shorter route for Sabarimala Shrine. Pamba is situated about 4 Km away from Sabarimala shrine. Final Location Survey for Chengannur - Pamba (75 Km) new line has been sanctioned. The survey of said work has been taken up for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR).

The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project(s) site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project(s).
