

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1595
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2019**

COST OVERRUN OF INFRA PROJECTS

**1595. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:**

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Express dated 21st October, 2019 has reported that 360 infra projects show cost overruns of Rs. 3.88 lakh crore and if so, the comments of the Ministry in this regard;**
- (b) the details of major central sector infrastructure schemes/projects being implemented in Telangana and Punjab, especially in Ludhiana during the last three years and the current year;**
- (c) whether a large number of infra projects are stalled/running behind schedule and if so, the details thereof including reasons therefor and consequential cost overrun, incurring cost overrun during the last two years;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to abandon several projects particularly in Punjab and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the details of the action plan chalked out by the Government to expedite/complete the ongoing projects without any further delay?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation monitors on-going Central Sector Infrastructure Projects costing Rs. 150 crore and above on time and cost overruns, on the basis of information provided by the project implementing agencies on the On-line Computerized Monitoring System (OCMS) of this Ministry. As per the Flash Report of**

June, 2019, 360 projects are showing cost overrun and the overall cost overruns is Rs. 3.88 lakh crore. The details of these projects are available in the flash report at [www. cspm.gov.in/publications](http://www.cspm.gov.in/publications).

(b) The details of Central Sector Infrastructure Projects being implemented in the country including Telangana and Punjab (including projects of Ludhiana) during the last three years [2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19] and for the current year are available in the flash report at http://www.cspm.gov.in/English/Archive_fr.htm and [www. cspm.gov.in/publications](http://www.cspm.gov.in/publications) respectively.

(c) As on 01.07.2019, total 1608 projects are on the monitor of this Ministry. Of these, 550 (34.20%) projects are running behind their original project implementation schedules. The factors responsible for delay in the execution of these projects are project-specific and depend on a variety of technical, financial and administrative factors. The details of delayed projects including their reasons are available at <http://www.cspm.gov.in/english/publication.html>.

Cost overrun during the last two years are available in the flash report of March, 17 and March, 18 at [www. cspm.gov.in/publications](http://www.cspm.gov.in/publications).

(d) As per information available with the Ministry on OCMS there is no such projects.

(e) The major action plan undertaken to ensure completion of Central Sector Infrastructure Projects without time and cost overruns include: rigorous project appraisal; On-line Computerized Monitoring System (OCMS) for better monitoring; setting up of Revised Cost Committees in the Ministries for fixation of responsibility for time and cost overruns; regular review of infrastructure projects by the concerned administrative Ministries; and setting up of Central Sector Projects Coordination Committees (CSPCCs) in the States under the concerned Chief Secretaries for removal of bottlenecks and for facilitating the speedy implementation of major projects.
