GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1587 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2021

NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS

†1587. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL: SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the Zone-wise details of the new railway projects sanctioned during the last five years in the country including Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan;
- (b) the details of railway projects completed before the scheduled time along with the projects delayed in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan;
- (c) the details of the delayed projects whose cost has escalated and the reasons for delay; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1587 BY SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL AND SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.02.2021 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a): The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as the Indian Railways' network spans across various State boundaries. Zone-wise list of works of New line, Doubling and Gauge Conversion included in the Budget subject to requisite approvals during the last 5 years, including in the States of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh are as under:-

Zonal Railway	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Central Railway	8	7	3	4	2
Eastern Railway	1	2	0	0	1
East Central Railway	11	7	1	4	5
East Coast Railway	8	2	1	1	2
Northern Railway	6	6	7	2	8
North Central Railway	6	9	5	10	1
North Eastern Railway	3	9	5	0	1
Northeast Frontier Railway	2	2	5	0	2
North Western Railway	2	0	2	2	5
Southern Railway	4	2	1	2	4
South Central Railway	8	1	1	1	3
South Eastern Railway	5	3	2	5	4
South East Central Railway	6	2	0	1	1
South Western Railway	3	1	1	6	3
Western Railway	4	3	20	3	2
West Central Railway	5	3	0	0	2
Total	82	59	54	41	46

As on 01.04.2020, 83 projects (16 New Line, 06 Gauge Conversion & 61 Doubling) costing ₹96,697 crore of a total length of 7143 km, falling fully/partially in the State of Uttar Pradesh are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution, out of which 883 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹14,496 crore has been incurred upto March 2020.

Similarly, there are 30 projects (11 new lines, 05 gauge conversions and 14 doublings), costing ₹57,247 crore, covering a length of 5173 Km, falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan are in different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 715 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹7,688 crore has been incurred upto March 2020.

- (b) & (c): Completion of a Railway project(s) depends on various factors like land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year available for particular project site due to climatic conditions, etc. and all these factors differ from project to project and affect the completion time and cost of the project(s).
- (d): Various steps being taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) prioritisation of projects, (ii) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (iii) delegation of powers at field level, (iv) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels (v) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.
