GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1602 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2021

LAYING NEW RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN AJMER-TONK

†1602. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a new railway line project of 165 km from Ajmer(Nasirabad) to Tonk via Sawai Madhopur (Chauth ka Barwada) has been approved in railway budget of 2015-16;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of progress made in the said railway project till date;
- (d) whether the Government of Rajasthan is incapable to bear 50 per cent of the cost of the said project due to which the MoU for the said project is yet to be signed;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to complete the said new railway line project from Ajmer to Tonk via Sawai Madhopur by allocating the budget from its own resources in public interest;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said project is likely to be completed; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Project of new line from Ajmer (Nasirabad) – Sawai Madhopur (ChauthKa Barwara) via Tonk (165 km) was included in the Budget 2015-16

with the commitment from Government of Rajasthan to provide land free of cost and to share 50% cost of the project. Accordingly, State Government was requested for funding 50% of the project cost and to provide land free of cost, which has not been agreed by Rajasthan Government.

(e) to (g): Considering the huge shelf of ongoing New Line projects, focus of Ministry of Railways is to complete the existing New Line projects. Hence, there is no proposal to execute the Ajmer to Tonk via Sawai Madhopur new line project from Gross Budgetary Support (GBS).
