

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*58**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1.12.2021

**PM GATI SHAKTI PROJECT**

\*58. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has launched a project called PM Gati Shakti to boost infra projects in the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that many ongoing infra projects in the country are stalled because of cost overrun due to the Government's inactive steps;
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to complete the ongoing pending projects in a time bound manner; and
- (d) the response received in review meetings held in connection with the stalled projects and the steps taken by the Government to address them?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

**(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)**

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*58 FOR ANSWER ON 1.12.2021 REGARDING PM GATI  
SHAKTI PROJECT RAISED BY SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.**

---

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 approved the proposal for development of 'PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP)' for providing multimodal connectivity infrastructure to various Economic Zones.
- (b) No Sir. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Infrastructure and Project Monitoring Division is monitoring currently 1680 central sector infrastructure projects on online computerised monitoring system (OCMS). The total of 438 projects are having cost overrun. The reasons for cost overruns are project-specific, depends on variety of technical, financial and administrative factors, varies from project to project. Some important reasons are under-estimation of original cost, Changes in rates of foreign exchange, statutory duties, High cost of environmental safeguards & rehabilitation measures, Spiraling land acquisition costs, Shortage of skilled manpower / labour, Changes in project scope, Monopolistic pricing by vendors of equipment services, General Price rise/inflation.
- (c)&(d)The steps taken by the Government to complete the ongoing projects on a time bound manners are: Periodic review of projects under PRAGATI through video conferencing by Hon'ble Prime Minister. Further, various measures are being taken like rigorous project appraisal, On-line Computerised 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, setting up of Central Sector Projects Coordination Committees (CSPCCs) in the States under the Chief Secretaries to remove bottlenecks and facilitate the speedy implementation of major projects.

\*\*\*\*\*