

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1045
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2015**

COMPLETION OF PENDING PROJECTS

**1045. SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:
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SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:
SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:
SHRI INNOCENT:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:
DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of ongoing and pending railway projects in the country, State/Zone-wise;**
- (b) whether execution of several ongoing railway projects are getting delayed resulting in huge cost over-run;**

- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in their execution, Project and State/Zone-wise;**
- (d) the details of funds spent on such projects so far and total funds required for their completion, Project and State/Zone-wise; and**
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways to execute these projects expeditiously to check any further cost escalation?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1045 BY SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV, SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA, SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY, SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE, SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM, SHRI NINONG ERING, SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM, SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN, SHRI YOGI ADITYA NATH, SHRI ABHIJIT MUKHERJEE, SHRI ELUMALAI V., SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER, SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY, SHRI P.K. BIJU, SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL, SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR, SHRI INNOCENT, SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL, SHRI ANOOP MISHRA, SHRI RAVNEET SINGH, DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR AND SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.07.2015 REGARDING COMPLETION OF PENDING PROJECTS

(a) & (d): The details of all ongoing Railway Projects pertaining to New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling including their last sanctioned cost, expenditure incurred upto March 2014, fund allotment in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are available on Indian Railways' website (i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in) and has also been tabled before the House during presentation of Railway Budget 2015-16 on 26.02.2015.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Almost all the ongoing railway projects are facing the situation of cost overrun, as completion of a railway project is dependent upon funds available for allotment. In addition, many of these projects have faced cost overrun due to delay in acquisition of land, statutory clearances like forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, cutting of trees, construction of road over bridges and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies etc.

(e): Ministry of Railways has approached all State Governments to form Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) jointly with Ministry of Railways to undertake mutually identified rail infrastructure projects for project development, resources mobilization and monitoring. 17 State Governments have consented to form the SPVs. Possibility of participation of industry in project specific

SPVs can also be considered depending on their willingness. In addition to this, Railway is also mobilizing resources by market borrowing for viable projects. To expedite completion of projects, a number of initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources through non-budgetary measures like funding by State Governments and other beneficiaries etc.

To reduce delays on account of land acquisition, security issues and forestry clearances etc, meetings with State Government officials and Ministry of Environment & Forests at various levels are held from time to time. Field units have been empowered with further delegation of powers.
