GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1776 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2015

YAMUNANAGAR-CHANDIGARH RAIL LINE

†1776. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has decided to lay a new railway line from Yamunanagar to Chandigarh;
- (b) if so, the present status of the project;
- (c) whether any talks have taken place between Minister of Railways and Chief Minister of Haryana regarding this railway project and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Centre and States have planned any joint co-ordination agency to complete pending railway projects; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e): Yamunanagar-Chandigarh New Line project (91 km) was included in the Budget 2013-14 subject to the requisite government clearances. The erstwhile Planning Commission was approached for "in principle approval" for this project on socio-economic consideration. However, Planning Commission required State Government to provide land free of cost in addition to sharing 50% of the construction cost. The proposal could not be taken forward as State Government did not respond to Ministry of Railways' subsequent request to give land free in addition to 50% cost sharing. Regular coordination meetings including those by Project Monitoring Group are held with State Government at appropriate level to sort out issues related to ongoing projects.

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