## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 622 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2015

### RAILWAY PROJECTS IN M.P. AND CHHATTISGARH

### †622. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU: DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of survey work regarding pending rail projects and laying of new railway tracks in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the target fixed for completing each project/survey work;
- (c) the allocations made and utilised for each project so far; and
- (d) the measures being taken by the Ministry for the timely completion of these projects?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 622 BY SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU AND DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.12.2015 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN M.P. AND CHHATTISGARH.

(a) to (d) In last three years and current financial year, Railways have completed 14 surveys for new line & doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh and 05 surveys for new line & doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh.

Of these projects surveyed, four projects falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have been sanctioned. Details of the outlay provided during 2015-16 and expenditure incurred thereon is as under:-

(₹ in crore)

Name of the project	State	Anticipated cost	Expenditure upto March, 2015	Outlay 2015-16
Satna-Rewa Doubling ( 50 Km.)	Madhya Pradesh	500		11
Rajnandgaon- Nagpur 3 <sup>rd</sup> line (228 Km)	Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra	1273		29
Katni-Singrauli (261 Km.)	Madhya Pradesh	1733		40
Jharsuguda- Bilaspur 4 <sup>th</sup> line (206 Km)	Chhattisgarh, Orissa	2060		47

Remaining projects could not be taken forward due to their unremunerative nature and huge throwforward of ongoing projects.

Completion of projects depends on many factors such as availability of funds, land acquisition, forestry & wild life clearances, shifting of services, construction of road over and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies etc. As these factors in many cases are not within the control of Railways, it is not feasible to fix timelines for all the projects/surveys. However, Railways have taken various measures to expedite completion of projects including substantial increase in allocation of funds, prioritization of projects, delegation of powers at field level, inviting the State Governments to participate with Railways for resource mobilization for projects, nomination of nodal officers for improved co-ordination with the State Governments etc.

Further, 34 surveys for new line, gauge conversion and doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh each have been taken up.

Survey requires interaction with various departments of State Government, District Administration, trade & industries, etc. for assessment of traffic projection. It also involves preparation of plan, drawing, calculation of cost, rate of return etc. Since this is an extensive exercise, hence, no time frame has been fixed for completion of the surveys.

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