GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1843 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2016

NEW BROAD GUAGE RAILWAY LINE

1843. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the matter of the new broad gauge railway line from Nalgonda to Macherla is pending with the Railways for approval and allocation of sufficient funds for taking up the project and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Railways are planning to discard this project and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Railways has taken any decision in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (c) Macherla-Nalgonda (92 Km.) new line project was taken up at an anticipated cost of ₹ 815 crores. At the stage of Final Location Survey, issue of change of alignment was raised by public representatives and the State Government but in the meantime, a bankability study was conducted by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited and it was found that the project is financially unviable and can neither be implemented through Special Purpose Vehicle route nor through Public Private Partnership mode. As such, the project could not be taken forward.
