

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1976
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2016**

DOUBLE RAIL TRACK MISSION

1976. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has decided to execute the much awaited Madurai-Kanyakumari double rail track mission by the Railway Vikas Nigam Limited;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the total budget allocated for the above project; and**
- (d) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): Doubling of Madurai-Kanyakumari section has to be executed through the following doubling projects which are already included in Railway budget subject to requisite clearances:

- (i) Madurai-Maniyachi-Tuticorin (80 kms)**
- (ii) Maniyachi-Nagercoil (170 kms)**
- (iii) Trivandrum-Kanyakumari (85 kms).**

Out of these, Madurai-Maniyachi-Tuticorin and Maniyachi-Nagercoil doubling projects have been entrusted to Rail Vikas

Nigam Limited (RVNL) for execution while Trivandrum-Kanyakumari doubling project is being executed by Construction Organisation of Southern Railway. The total sanctioned cost and outlay proposed for 2016-17 for the three projects taken together are ₹ 3360.00 crore and ₹ 540.00 crore respectively.

As funding of these projects in coming years will depend on overall availability of funds, time lines for completion of these projects have not been fixed.
