

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3005  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2016**

**MADURAI-KANYAKUMARI DOUBLE RAIL TRACK MISSION**

**3005. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government has decided to execute the Madurai-Kanyakumari double rail track mission by splitting it into two projects, one as Madurai-Maniyacchi-Tuticorin and another from Maniyacchi-Nagercoil;**

**(b) if so, the time frame fixed to complete these two projects; and**

**(c) whether the Government will consider to allocate these two projects to two different agencies for early and timely completion and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

**(a) to (c): 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.**

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