GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1692 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.05.2016

ELECTRIFICATION AND DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINE

1692. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the electrification and doubling of Railway line between Bengaluru and Mysuru;
- (b) the estimated cost of the said work and the amount spent so far;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the said work is running behind schedule and causing great inconvenience to the commuters on this route; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to expedite the work?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): There is an already existing double line between Bengaluru and Ramanagaram. Doubling of Ramanagaram – Mysuru and electrification of entire section has been taken up. Doubling of Ramanagaram – Mysuru has been completed recently except about 1.5 km stretch near Shrirangapattana. This has eased out the congestion on this route. As regards electrification, the work is completed in Bengaluru-Kengeri-Ramanagaram section and it will be opened on electric traction after Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS)'s authorization. The work of electrification of balance Ramanagaram-Mysuru section is in progress. Latest cost of Ramanagaram-Mysuru doubling alongwith electrification of Kegeri-Mysuru has been anticipated to be ₹1175 crore and an expenditure of ₹974 crore has been done upto 31.03.2016. The project has been fast tracked and adequate provision of ₹197.50 crore has been kept in 2016-17.

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