

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.624
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2016**

CLEARANCES TO RAILWAY PROJECTS

**624. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway projects stalled due to lack of clearances from the department of environment/forest along with the amount stuck therein across the country, as on date, Zone/State/Union territory-wise;**
- (b) whether the Railways have suffered losses on account of being dormant in earning revenue from such projects and their cost escalation over a period of time;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof, project-wise and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Railways thereto;**
- (d) whether the Railways did not obtain prior clearances from the department of environment/forest for these projects; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 624 BY SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB, SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE AND SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.07.2016 REGARDING CLEARANCES TO RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) to (c): Clearances from different land owning agencies, acquisition of land, shifting of services/utilities are part of project execution and these activities are bound to take some time. However, following projects have suffered due to non availability of forest clearances.

S. No.	State	Railway	Name of the Project
1	Bihar	Eastern	Doubling between Ratanpur-Jamalpur (Part of Munger Bridge approach track)
2	Jharkhand	East Central	Tori- Shivpur-Kathautia New Line
3	Bihar	East Central	Sakri -Biraul-Kusheshwarsthan-Hasanpur Road New Line
4	Odisha	East Coast	Angul-Sukhinda Road New Line
5	Odisha	East Coast	Byepass line bet. Sukhinda Road and Jajpur Keonjhar Road
6	Sikkim, West Bengal	Northeast Frontier	Sivok-Rangpo New Line
7	Assam	Northeast Frontier	New Moynaguri-Jogighopa New Line
8	Kerala	Southern	Angamali - Sabarimala New Line
9	Maharashtra	South Central	Ratlam-Khandwa-Akola Gauge Conversion
10	Chhattisgarh	South East Central	Gondia-Jabalpur Gauge Conversion
11	Chhattisgarh	South East Central	Dallirajahara-Rowghat New Line
12	Chhattisgarh	South East Central	Salka Road- Annupur Doubling
13	Karnataka	South Western	Hubli-Ankola New Line
14	Karnataka	South Western	Bangalore- Satyamangalam New Line
15	Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh	West Central	Lalitpur-Singrauli New Line

Working out cost escalation or revenue loss on account of delay in forest clearance alone is not feasible to be worked out.

(d) & (e): Railway being one of the most environment friendly means of transport does not require environment clearance for undertaking projects. Proposal for diversion of forest land and tree cutting, wherever needed, can only be prepared only after detailed survey, pegging of alignment and preparation of land schedule.
