

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:342
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2001
DELAY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RAIL PROJECTS
A. VENKATESH NAIK;ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the major factor responsible for delay in the implementation of projects is lack of funds;
- (b) if so, whether 42 rail projects out of 48 projects have been delayed on account of fund constraints;
- (c) if so, the details of the projects which are running behind the schedule along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the railways to complete its projects within the time frame to avoid cost overrun?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (अ) (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 342 BY SHRI ASHOK N. MOHOL AND SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.08.2001 REGARDING DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF RAIL PROJECTS

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) : The total no. of sanctioned on-going projects is as under:

New Lines	81	
Gauge Conversion	71	
Doubling	85	
Railway Electrification	23	
Metropolitan Transport Projects		18

In view of the very large number of projects and the limited availability of funds, it is not possible to lay a firm time schedule for completion of these projects.

(d): In order to ensure early completion of projects, Railways are making constant efforts to augment the resource base by increasing the internal generation of revenue; arranging financial participation by Private Parties and the State Governments in the execution of Railway projects; obtain additional Budgetary Support, etc.

To ensure judicious allocation of resources, these projects have been prioritised on the basis of their physical progress, operational importance, national and strategic significance and social desirability.