

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:430
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2000
RAILWAY PROJECTS
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many important railway projects are being delayed on the ground of non-availability of resources and on the contrary hundreds of crores of rupees are being spent on projects which are not needed at all; and

(b) the steps taken to execute the pending railway works from that amount?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) & (b) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 430 FOR 24.08.2000 BY SHRI PRABHUNATH SINGH REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) No, Sir. Railway projects are, generally, taken up to meet the operational requirements of the system. However, there are many projects which are regarded as socially desirable, though not financially remunerative. Allocation of funds to the various projects is done judiciously keeping in view their priority.

(b) There are a large number of New Line and Gauge Conversion projects with a huge throw-forward shelf of Rs. 22,000 Crore and Rs. 9,000 Crore respectively. Railways have prioritised the New Line and Gauge Conversion projects on the basis of their physical progress, operational importance, national and strategic significance and their social purpose, to assist in judicious allocation of resources.