

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6598

ANSWERED ON:08.05.2003

PROJECTS GO OFF TRACK

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned, "Projects go off track, Railways tops list" appearing in the Indian Express dated April 16, 2003;
- (b) if so, the details of mega projects which are behind their schedule of completion alongwith reasons thereof, project-wise;
- (c) the estimated cost of completion of these projects and what would be the total actual cost after completion, project-wise;
- (d) whether the projects are monitored periodically to check cost escalation;
- (e) if so, whether any responsibility has been fixed for delays;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government for early completion of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (g): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6598 BY S/SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL, N. JANARDHANA REDDY AND RAGHUNATH JHA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08-05-2003 REGARDING PROJECTS GO OFF TRACK.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The time over run of a project can only be determined when there is assured funding. Railways have a large shelf of ongoing projects with limited availability of resources. The projects are being progressed as per the availability of resources.

(c): The throw forward of ongoing projects under New Line, Gauge Conversion, Doubling, Metropolitan Transport and Electrification, as on 1.4.2003, is about Rs.44,733 Cr. The actual cost of completion would be known only after the projects are completed.

(d) to (g): The progress of projects is monitored regularly. Efforts have been made to generate more funds from other than normal budgetary support to expedite completion of ongoing projects.