

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1608
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JAMMU-UDHAMPUR RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made and the percentage of work related with laying of railway line in Jammu and Kashmir as on date, project-wise;
- (b) whether the Government have reviewed the progress of the works;
- (c) if so, the results thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): There are two new line projects in J&K. The work of Jammu Tawi-Udhampur is in advanced stage and expected to be completed by 2003-2004. On Udhampur-Baramulla project, work has been taken up in phases. Earthwork, bridges, tunnelling and land acquisition is in various stages of progress between Katra-Udhampur & Qazigund-Baramulla sections. Detailed construction survey is being taken up between Katra-Qazigund section.

(b)&(c) : Yes, Sir. It has been decided that the project will be completed and the first train will roll into the Kashmir Valley before August 15, 2007. The outlay of the project has been increased and action has been initiated to accomplish the target.

(d) : Does not arise.