

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1458  
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PENDING RAIL PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL  
RUPCHAND MURMU

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of Railway projects in West Bengal for which survey work had been completed during the Ninth Plan and which could not be included in later budgets;
- (b) whether the Government propose to mobilize additional funds for execution of these projects in the Tenth Plan;
- (c) if so, the details of these projects along with the additional funds required therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to mobilize the required funds for execution of pending projects?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

- (a) : Surveys for eleven projects in West Bengal were completed during the Ninth Plan, but could not be taken up for execution.
- (b) : No, Sir.
- (c) & (d): Do not arise. However, a number of initiatives have been taken to augment resources for expediting completion of the ongoing projects. These include sharing by State Governments, Public/Private Partnership, funding from Ministry of Defence and funds for National Rail Vikas Yojana. With these efforts, it may be feasible to expedite the progress of ongoing projects.