

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2540

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ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR PANIHAR-MOHANA AND MOHANA-KHUJARI PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether due to material modification and delays in acquisition of land for Panihar-Mohana and Mohana-Khujari there had been excess over estimates due to costing and time overrun;
- (b) if so, the details thereof
- (c) the reasons for not acquiring the land on time; and
- (d) the steps taken to make the authorities accountable and responsible for dereliction in the efficient performance of their duties?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) : The estimated cost of construction of rail line between Shivpuri-Gwalior ( 124.55 km) as per final location survey was Rs. 106.187 crore. Panihar-Mohana ( 38 km) and Mohana-Khajuri (45.8 km) falls on Shivpuri-Gwalior section. The work progressed as per availability of resources and the actual expenditure was Rs. 148.02 crore on this stretch. The increase in cost includes escalation during the intervening period and also the material modification costing Rs. 4.18 crore due to upgradation of signalling standards.

(c)&(d): The land acquisition process had been timely initiated. There is no delay in acquisition of land on Railway's account. However, there had been delay in clearance of forest land.