

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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MONITORING PANELS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RAILWAY PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have decided to set up Monitoring Panels in each State to look into the problems of Railways and for development and implementation of the Railway projects;
- (b) if so, the stage at which the matter stands at present;
- (c) whether any instructions have been issued regarding functioning of such panels;
- (d) if so, details thereof;
- (e) Whether participation of the State Governments have been ensured for speedy implementation of railway projects; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE)

(a) to (d) To bring about closer interaction with the State Governments, it has been decided to earmark Nodal Officers of the Railways for each of the States.

The Nodal Officer would maintain close liaison with the State Governments mainly in respect of:

- (i) Facilitating better coordination between the Indian Railways and the State Governments regarding proper implementation of on-going Railway projects and for developing appropriate proposals for new projects in various States.
  - (ii) Enlisting required administrative and other assistance from the State Governments with regard to expeditious completion of sanctioned projects specially in the areas of faster land acquisition.
  - (iii) Ensuring participation of the State Governments and funding of rail projects.
  - (iv) Developing a coordinated approach for arranging/funding for ROBs and RUBs and manning/closure of level crossing gates. Facilitating availability of MPLAD funds for manning of level crossings.
  - (v) Coordinating security related issues on the Railways with various State Governments.
  - (vi) Assisting State Governments in developing and comprehensive inter-modal transport infrastructure.
- (e) and (f) Yes, Sir. Various State Governments have been shown increasing involvement in expeditious implementation of Railway projects. With the objective as enlisted above,, Nodal Officer Railways are being appointed and State Governments are being approached to earmark their respective Nodal Officer to interact with the designated Railway Officers for each State.