

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SHARING OF COST OF RAILWAY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has urged the State Government to share the costs of the railway projects:
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also urged the States having surplus power to offer electricity at cheaper rates to the Railways; and
- (d) if so, the response of the State Governments thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIR. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. To overcome the constraints of funds, States have been urged by the Ministry of Railways to share the cost of financially unviable new line and gauge conversion projects covered under Remote Area Rail Samparak Yojana which would provide rail connectivity to remote and backward areas of the country, thus providing infrastructure for their overall development. The response has not been received from most of the State Governments.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. However, Railways have been pursuing with concerned State Electricity Boards and State Electricity Regulatory Commissions to reduce cost of electric traction tariff.