

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1456  
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REVIEW OF RAILWAY PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a Committee of Secretaries (CoS) has undertaken a comprehensive review of 78 railway projects costing Rs.100 crore and above;
- (b) if so, whether the delay in execution of these projects have resulted in huge time and cost overruns; and
- (c) if so, the recommendations made by the CoS and the action proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Yes, Sir. A meeting of the Committee of Secretaries (CoS) was held on 24.8.2005 wherein progress of 139 Railway projects costing above Rs.100 Crore and above was reviewed.
- (b) : No, Sir. The concept of time and cost overrun can strictly be applicable only for those projects where the funds are fully tied up at the time of taking up the project and funding is assured. In case of Railways, the funding is decided on year-to-year basis and as such, it may not be possible to define the time of completion of all the projects
- (c) : Does not arise