GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3447 ANSWERED ON:24.08.2006 ACHIEVEMENT OF TARGET Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Railways are behind the schedule in achieving the targets, set for the first four years of the Tenth Five Year Plan, in respect of new lines, doubling and acquisition of Electrical Multiple Unit (EMU) coaches;
- (b) If so, the targets set for the Tenth Five Year Plan in respect of new lines, doubling and acquisition of EMU;
- (c) The extent to which it has been achieved during the first four years of the Tenth Five Year Plan period;
- (d) Whether the Railways will be in a position to achieve the targets during the remaining period of the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (e) If so, the details thereof; and
- (f) If not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b) & (c): Against targets of 1310 kms of new lines and 1500 kms of doubling for the Tenth Plan period, the achievements have been 670 kms and 913 kms respectively during the first four years of the Plan. 582 numbers of Electrical Multiple Units (EMUs) have been acquired during the first four years against the target of 1965 for the Tenth Plan period.
- (d) to (f): The targets for New Line and Doublings for 2006-07 have been fixed as 550 kms and 450 kms respectively and there will be some shortfall with respect to the Xth Plan targets. As regard to acquisition of EMUs, the target for 2006-07 is 289 numbers. As such, there is likely to be a shortfall in achieving the targets during the Plan period. Works have been sanctioned to augment the production capacity to make good the shortfall of EMUs from 2007-08 onwards.