

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of Railways projects lying pending for want of environmental/forest clearances;
- (b) the expenditure incurred on these projects so far; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to get these projects cleared?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Railway projects are exempted from environmental clearance. However, forestry clearance is required for acquiring the land in forest area which is a normal activity related to land acquisition for any project. There has been some delay in acquiring forest land on some of the projects and is being pursued at different levels for expediting the same.