

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2566
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2004
PRESENT STATUS OF RAILWAY TRAFFIC OF J AND K
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of work completed in regard to lay of railway lines and other infrastructure between Jammu to Udhampur, Udhampur- Srinagar-Baramulla and along with the expenditure incurred thereon;
- (b) the details of present status and trial, if any;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to complete the projects of Jammu and Kashmir and along with the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;
- (d) the compensation given to land oustees for these lines;
- (e) whether the affected land oustees of Jammu and Kashmir State have been employment by the Railway;
- (f) if so, the number of persons recruited during each of the last three years; and
- (g) if not, steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (g) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2566 BY CHAUDHARY LAL SINGH AND SHRI ABDUL RASHID SHAHEEN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.12.2004 REGARDING PRESENT STATUS OF RAILWAY TRAFFIC OF J AND K.

(a) to (c) The details of Jammu-Srinagar railway project are as under:-

S.N.	Name of Project	Estimated cost	Anticipated expenditure upto March 2004	Outlay during 2004-05	Present Status
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1.	Jammu-Udhampur (53.6 kms)	Rs. 515 crore	Rs. 482.80 crore	Rs. 10.44 crore	The work has been completed and Commercial goods traffic is running on this section.
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2.	Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla (287 kms)	Rs. 5000 crore	Rs. 1286.43 crore	Rs. 300.00 crore	The overall progress of this section is about 38.5%. The work has been taken up in phases and the progress is given as under:-
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i) Udhampur-Katra (km. 0-25): Earthwork, tunnelling and major/minor bridge works are in progress.

The progress is about 89%.

ii) Katra-Qazigund (km. 25-167): For km. 25-30 land acquisition has been completed and tunnelling work is in progress. For Km. 30-167, land acquisition, detailed construction survey is in progress. Tunnelling work is in progress between km. 30-50, where land is made available. The progress is about 10%.

iii) Qazigund-Baramulla (km. 167-287): Earthwork, bridge works, etc. are in progress. Out of 15122 kanals of land, 14,853 kanals of land has been acquired. The progress is about 75%.

Due to delay in land acquisition and security constraints, the progress of work is adversely affected. The matter is regularly being pursued with the State Government to resolve land disputes and hand over the land to Railway free of all encumbrances. Efforts have also been taken to step up security arrangements on the project alignment.

(d) :The compensation to land oustees is disbursed by the State Government State Government. has been paid Rs. 10.92 crore for Jammu - Udhampur project and Rs. 441.50 crore for Udhampur- Srinagar-Baramulla project.

(e) : No. Sir.

(f) : Does not arise.

(g) : The State Govt. has been requested to give the names of the persons who are eligible for employment based on the extant policy.