

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3867
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2004
PENDING KARUR-SALEM BG LINE
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the commissioning of Karur-Salem BG line is long pending demand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the land required for the purpose has been acquired;
- (d) if so, the estimated cost of the project and the cost escalation due to long delay of the project; and
- (e) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. A number of representations have been received for early completion of this line.
- (c): 333.845 hectares out of 343.78 hectares of land has been acquired. However, litigations regarding land acquisition had affected the progress of the work.
- (d): Original cost of this project was Rs. 136 crore and present estimated cost sanctioned for this project is Rs. 229.88 crore.
- (e): The completion of the project would depend upon land being handed over to Railway by the State Government and availability of resources.