

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:885
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2009
DOUBLING ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY LINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of projects sanctioned for doubling/electrification of railway lines during the last three years in the country, especially in West Bengal;
- (b) the status of the ongoing projects for doubling/electrification of railway lines;
- (c) the reasons for delay and the time by which these projects are likely to be completed; and
- (d) the further steps taken by the Railways for speedy execution of these projects?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.885 BY SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.02.2009 REGARDING DOUBLING/ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY LINES

(a): During the period from 2005-06 to 2007-08, 59 doubling and 12 railway electrification works have been included in the Railway Budgets. Out of these following works are fully/partly in the State of West Bengal.

S. No.	Name of the project	Plan head	Length (in Km)
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1	Chinpai-Saintia	Doubling	30
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2	Malda & Old Malda	Doubling	0.38
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3	Adra-Joychandipahar	Doubling	6
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4	Gokulpur-Midnapur new bridge	Doubling	2
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5	Andal-Pandabeswar (completed) Electrification	Railway	20
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(b): There are in all 120 doubling projects in progress having a throwforward of about Rs. 12,000 crore as on 01.04.2008. There are 19 railway electrification projects having throwforward of Rs. 3450 crore. All the projects are in various stages of progress as per the availability of funds.

(c): The main reasons for delay have been paucity of funds, delay in land acquisition, failure of contracts, adverse law and order condition and other market forces affecting the progress in some of the projects.

(d) The availability of funds for the projects have increased considerably over the last few years due to provision of funds through internal generation, additional funds for National Projects, participation by State Governments and beneficiaries and implementation of projects by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited through extra budgetary resources. Modification of contract conditions, empowerment of field units and pursuing the security and land acquisition cases with the State Governments are some of the measures to expedite the completion of Projects. With these steps it is expected that all the doubling works in progress will be completed in the next 3-4 years.