

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

- (a) whether the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has submitted a status report on the railway projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for timely completion of these projects to avoid cost escalation ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRIR. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A monthly flash report on all Central Sector Projects costing more than Rs.100 crore has been received from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. As per the 230th flash report for the month of Dec'04, there are 132 railway projects in their monitor. The status brings out progress of various projects with bottlenecks, if any.

(c) The progress of projects depends upon the availability of resources over a period of time. Efforts are being made to generate non-budgetary resources to expedite completion of the ongoing projects. A number of initiatives have been taken for getting additional resources through Public/Private partnership, cost sharing with State Governments, funding through Ministry of Defence, National Rail Vikas Yojana and National Projects to be funded as an additionality to the normal railway's plan. Recently, Remote Area Rail Samparak Yojana has also been announced. However, funds for the Yojana are yet to be tied up. With all the above initiatives, the ongoing projects are expected to be completed within five years period.