

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned, 'Rebels throw Railway projects off track' appearing in Statesman dated January 2, 2005;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether internal security is one of the prime reasons for delay in completion of projects;
- (d) whether Railways have taken up the matter with the concerned authorities for providing adequate security so that the projects are not further delayed; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The news article mentioned about slowing down of progress on some projects due to militant and Naxalite activities in Jammu & Kashmir, North East Region and some other parts of the country.

(c) to (e): The progress of some of the projects has suffered due to adverse law and order conditions in some parts of the country. Security aspect is gone into while reviewing the progress of projects and matters are taken up with the concerned State Government authorities for providing adequate security from time to time. For project in Jammu & Kashmir, matter has been taken up with the Ministry of Home Affairs.