

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SABARI RAIL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Sabari Rail Project in Kerala (Southern Railway) has been delayed;
- (b) if so, whether the delay is attributed to issues on the acquisition of the required land by the State Government;
- (c) whether the State Government has submitted any revised proposal related to the alignment change;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b): Government of Kerala has handed over only 7.83 hectare of land out of the total requirement of 517 hectare of land for Angamali-Azutha (Sabarimala) new line project. Further, acquisition proceedings have been delayed on account of representation by the local people and court cases.

(c) to (e): State Government had advised to explore the feasibility of alternate alignment between Thodupuzha and Erumeli for the above project. Accordingly, study was conducted and the State Government was advised that the suggested change in alignment is feasible. However, final approval from the State Government is awaited.