

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:364  
ANSWERED ON:19.08.2010  
RAILWAY PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have setup/propose to set up Wheel & Axle production unit at Chhapra, Bihar, Rail Coach Factories at Rae Bareli (Uttar Pradesh), Kanchrapara (West Bengal), Palghat (Kerala), Electric Locomotive Factory at Madhepura (Bihar) and Electric Loco assembly unit at Dankuni, (West Bengal);
- (b) if so, the details and present status thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated, sanctioned and utilised by each of the project, so far;
- (d) the reasons of delay in the execution of above mentioned projects items; and
- (e) the steps taken to complete these projects within the time schedule?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.364 BY DR. ANUP KUMAR SAHA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19-08-2010 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) to (e) Construction of Wheel Manufacturing Plant at Chhapra was sanctioned in the year 2005-06 at an estimated cost of Rs.1417 cr and is under progress. An expenditure of Rs.601.9 cr has been incurred upto 31.03.2010. The project is likely to start manufacture of wheels from the year 2011-12.

The project of Rail Coach Factory at Rae Bareli was approved in the year 2006-07 at an estimated cost of Rs.1685 cr and the work is in full swing. Phase-I of this project is likely to be completed by July 2011 with start of production and it is likely to be completed by 2012-13. An expenditure of Rs 73.6 cr has been incurred upto 31.03.2010.

Rail Coach Factory at Kanchrapara was approved in the year 2010-11 for setting up in Joint Venture mode at an estimated cost of Rs.860.16 cr. Works worth more than Rs 37 crore have already been taken up and are in progress.

The project of Rail Coach factory at Palghat is awaiting government approval and is estimated to cost Rs.1215.75 cr. Government of Kerala had earlier promised to provide land free of cost, but have now desired that the cost of land be taken as their equity in the Joint Venture to be formed for setting up this factory. The proposal is presently under consideration.

The project of Electric Locomotive Factory at Madhepura was approved in 2007-08 at an estimated cost of Rs.1293.57 cr. The Government recently decided in February 2010 that this manufacturing unit shall be set up as a Joint Venture. An expenditure of Rs 47.86 cr has been incurred upto 31.03.2010. Selection of Joint Venture partner is likely to be finalised shortly.

The project of Electric Loco components factory at Dankuni was approved in the year 2009-10 at an estimated cost of Rs.123 cr. The unit is being set up as a joint venture project. Works worth about Rs 48 crore have already been taken up and are in progress. In addition, there is also a proposal for setting up of a Diesel Loco component factory at Dankuni at an estimated cost of Rs 261 crore. Works worth about Rs 133 crore have already been taken up and are in progress.

The progress of all these projects is monitored and all efforts are being made to complete them as per schedule. Funds required for these projects will be provided as per requirement from time to time.