

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4225
ANSWERED ON:19.08.2010
TUNNEL NO. OF LUMDING BADARPUR RAILWAY
Suklabaidya Shri Lalit Mohan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work on Tunnel No.10 of Lumding-Badarpur railway section has been prolonging since a long time resulting in significant delay in the meter gauge to broad gauge conversion of this line;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the delay;
- (c) the present status of the work;
- (d) the original amount sanctioned and the amount is escalated due to this delay;and
- (e) the total expenditure incurred thereon so far?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4225 BY SHRI LALIT MOHAN SUKLABAIIDYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.08.2010 REGARDING TUNNEL NO. 10 OF LUMDING-BADARPUR RAILWAY

(a) to (c): Yes Madam. The contract for Tunnel No.10 was terminated due to failure of contractor. Fresh tender has been processed. The project was delayed due to various reasons including financial constraints, adverse law and order conditions and difficult topology of the area.

(d) & (e): Lumding-Silchar gauge conversion was sanctioned at a cost of Rs.648 crore in 1996-97. The cost now assessed is Rs.4073.53 crore. The increase in cost has been due to various reasons including escalation, change in scope of work and standard of construction etc. An expenditure of Rs.2184.38 crore has been incurred upto 31.3.2010 and an outlay of Rs.85 crore has been provided for 2010-11 through the railway budgetary support. This is a National Project and funds are also expected to be available through additionalities by Ministry of Finance.