

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:46
ANSWERED ON:11.11.2010
EXECUTION OF RAILWAY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ongoing new lines, gauge conversions, doublings and electrifications have undergone time and cost overruns under the 11th Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the achievements made against the physical annual targets fixed for these projects during the past three years;
- (d) the extent to which the initiatives taken by the Railways to generate additional resources through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, funding by the State Governments and other beneficiaries have helped achieving the targets during the said period; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Railways to expedite completion of the said projects?

Answer

MINISTER 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. 46 BY SHRI P. KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.11.2010 REGARDING EXECUTION OF RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) and (b) : As on 01.04.2010, there are 360 ongoing new line, gauge conversion and doubling projects and railway electrification projects. The targets for the projects are generally fixed on yearly basis based upon the progress of the projects, their relative priority and availability of resources. Besides financial constraints, the railway projects get delayed due to delay in availability of land, forestry & other clearances, law and order conditions, contractual failure, etc. Railways have a huge throwforward of about Rs. 1 lakh crore for ongoing new line, gauge conversion and doubling projects and there is limited availability of Gross Budgetary Support.

(c): During first three years of 11th Five Year Plan, 771 Kilometers of New Lines, 3628 Km of Gauge Conversions, 1237 Km of Doublings and 2416 RKM of electrification have been completed against revised / proportionate target of 1200 Km for New Line, 3600 Km for Gauge Conversion, 1500 Km for doubling work and 2100 RKM of electrification.

(d) and (e): Due to initiative taken by Railways, State Government / beneficiaries have agreed for sharing of cost of 26 projects. Funds provided by State Governments for cost sharing projects will help in speedy execution of projects. Four projects have also been taken up through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited in partnership with strategic investors, these are Haridaspur-Paradip New Line-(82 Km), Obulavaripalle-Krishnapatanam New Line-(113 Km), Bharuch-Samni-Dahej Gauge Conversion-(62 Km) and Angul-Sukinda New Line-(100 Km).

To expedite completion of the ongoing projects as also to avoid cost and time overrun the railways are making efforts to generate additional funds through measures which are other than Gross Budgetary Support. Besides, Railways have introduced Railway Infrastructure Investment Initiative (R3i) policy for attracting private sector participation in rail connectivity projects. 4 projects have been taken up under special purpose vehicle with industry participation. The measures adopted such as Public Private Partnership, participation by State Governments/beneficiaries, additional funds for National Projects as also implementation through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited have started yielding positive results.