

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:626

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RAILWAY PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the ongoing and the pending railway projects as on date;
- (b) the State-wise railway projects sanctioned by the Railways during the last three years;
- (c) the amount sanctioned for each of these projects and the details of the works done on these projects during the above period;
- (d) whether the Railways are aware that even after more than decade, several such railway projects in some States could not be completed till date;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Railways to complete the pending railway projects within the stipulated time limit?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 626 BY S/SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA, ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJI YASHWANT SINHA, KUMARI SAROJ PANDEY, S/SHRI SUBHASH BAPURAO WANKHEDE AND ABDUL RAHMAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.11.2010 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) to (c): The total number of ongoing New Line, Doubling and Gauge Conversion Railway projects in the country are 327. The State-wise details of ongoing projects as on 01.04.2010, sanctioned during the last three years including sanctioned cost are enclosed as Appendix. All these projects are in different stages of execution and are progressing as per availability of resources.

(d) to (f): Railways have huge throw-forward of ongoing projects with limited availability of resources. The projects are progressed as per availability of resources. To expedite completion of projects a number of initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources through non-budgetary measures like Public-Private Partnership, funding by State Governments and other beneficiaries. Besides, Railways have introduced Railway Infrastructure Investment Initiative (R3i) policy for attracting private sector participation in rail connectivity projects. To reduce delay on account of land availability, security issues, forestry clearances etc. meetings with State Government/Central Government officials are held from time to time. Contract conditions have been modified to bring efficiency in contract management and field units have been further empowered.