

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3800
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2009
NON-AVAILABILITY OF RAILWAY LAND FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether non-availability of land is a major problem for the development of Railways;
- (b) if so, the details of the railway projects hampered due to non-availability of land across the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Railways have asked the State Government to make land available for laying new railway lines in their States;
- (d) if so, the response of State Governments thereon; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways for fast development of railway projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF 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.3800 BY SHRIMATI SUSHILA SAROJ TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30-07-2009 REGARDING NON- AVAILABILITY OF RAILWAY LAND FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) & (b): Timely availability of land is one of the issues connected with execution of projects. The land acquisition and forestry clearance (in case of forest land) take considerable time which delays the project implementation. A number of projects, particularly for construction of new lines, are getting affected due to delays attributable to land acquisition including Guna-Etawa new line project in Uttar Pradesh.

(c): Railways have been submitting necessary proposals for land acquisition for railway projects from time to time to the State Governments.

(d) & (e): In the recent past, amendment has been made in the Indian Railways Act, 1989 through Railway Amendment Act, 2008 for speedy acquisition of land for Special Railway Projects. A number of initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources through Public Private Partnership, State Sharing, funds from Ministry of Defence, additional budgetary support for National Projects to expeditiously complete the ongoing projects.