

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SABARI RAIL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of progress made so far in the Sabari Rail Project in Kerala;
- (b) the steps taken to expedite the completion thereof; and
- (c) the time-frame set for its completion?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): In view of the resolution passed by Kerala Legislative Assembly and objections of Forest Department, Angamali-Sabarimala line has been terminated at Azutha. Work on this new line is held up due to public protest and recent Court orders. Representations received from the local people have been examined in consultation with the Ministry of Environment & Forest. State Government is yet to hand over required land to Railways.

(c): No target date for completion is fixed at present.