

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2853

ANSWERED ON:18.08.2011

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KASHMIR

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of railway projects outlined for Kashmir Valley;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways for expeditious completion thereof alongwith the time frame set for it;
- (c) the details of funds allocated/released so far, project-wise, year-wise;
- (d) whether the Railways are aware of increasing transport/railway infrastructure being set up along their side of the borders by our neighbouring countries; and
- (e) if so, the steps being taken by the Railways to counter these challenges?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2853 BY SHRIMATI MEENA SINGH, SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH AND SHRI BHUDEO CHOUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.08.2011 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN KASHMIR.

(a)&(b): Construction of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla new line has been taken up in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. Qazigund-Baramulla section (119 km) of the project falls in Kashmir Valley. The section has already been completed and commissioned. Moreover, survey for Baramulla-Kupwara new line has also been taken up.

(c): Year-wise allocation of funds for Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla new line project is as follows:-

(Rs.in crore)

Cost	Exp. upto	Outlay	Outlay	Outlay	Outlay
March 2011	2008-09,	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	

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(d)&(e): Yes, Madam. Survey for Bilaspur-Manali-Leh new line has been conducted. Ministry of Defence has been requested to provide funds for the project. Survey for Pathankot-Leh new line has also been taken up.