

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1815
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PROJECTS IN EASTERN CENTRAL RAILWAYS ZONE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of railway level crossings on national and state highways under Samastipur and Sonapur divisions of Eastern Central Railways, Hazipur;
- (b) the present status of the ongoing projects in the said zone;
- (c) the number of these projects running behind schedule and the likely increase in the cost of these projects because of such delay; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways to complete the work of the aforesaid projects within stipulated time?

Answer

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

- (a) Details of level crossings on National and State Highways as under:-

| Division | Level crossings on National Highways | Level crossings on State Highways |
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| Samastipur | 29 | 18 |
| Sonapur | 08 | Nil |

- (b) As on 01.04.2011, 23 New Lines, 4 Gauge Conversion, 2 Doubling projects are in progress in East Central Railway. 6 New Line sections, 1 Gauge Conversion section and 1 Doubling section are expected to be completed during 2011-12.

(c) Railway is having huge throwforward of projects and limited availability of Gross Budgetary Support. The Projects are progressed as per availability of resources. The period of completion of ongoing projects gets prolonged due to limited availability of resources. The other reasons for delay of these projects are delay in land and forestry clearances, adverse law and order conditions and failure of contracts.

(d) Steps have been taken to generate extra budgetary resources through State participation, Public Private Partnership, Defence funding, declaring some projects as National Projects, revival of Capital Fund and implementation of Bankable projects through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited. Coordination with State Government is done at highest level to speed up land acquisition, forestry clearances and provision of required security at work site.