

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1916
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2012
KATRA DHARMA RAILWAY LINE
Premajibhai Dr. Solanki Kiritbhai

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla new line projects, particularly Katra-Dharma section;
- (a) the reasons for delay in execution of work on Katra-Dharma section;
- (b) the details of funds allocated/spent thereon; and
- (c) the time frame set for completion of the said projects, particularly Katra-Dharma section

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1916 BY DR. KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.08.2012 REGARDING KATRA-DHARMA RAILWAY LINE.

(a)to (d) : The latest anticipated cost of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla new rail line project is Rs. 19565 crore out of which an expenditure of Rs. 7917 crore has been incurred upto March, 2012. An outlay of Rs. 1000 crore has been provided for the work for 2012-13. The work is divided into 3 legs and the details are as under:-

Udhampur-Katra (25 km) Progress is 95%. Targeted to be completed by December, 2012.

Katra-Qazigund (148 km) Progress 13%. Qazigund-Banihal (19 km) section targeted to be completed in 2012-13. The remaining portion targeted to be completed by December, 2017.

Qazigund-Barazmulla (119 km) Completed and commissioned.

Katra-Dharm (70 km) is a part of Katra-Qazigund section (148 km) where work remained suspended for more than a year after geological problems were faced during construction. An Expert Committee was appointed to examine various issues involved including alternative alignment. After the Committee's recommendations, work on this stretch has recommenced in September, 2009.