

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4171
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ROWGHAT RAILWAY PROJECT
Pandey Saroj

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposed Rowghat railway project meant to supply iron ore to the Bhilai Steel Plant is running behind schedule;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the present status of the said project alongwith the details of funds allocated/spent thereon; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways for timely completion of this project?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Land has been acquired & contracts are in position for Dallirajhara-Rowghat section, but construction activities had come to a halt from March, 2011 after construction machinery was burnt in militant activity. Project work has re-started in April 2012 at a slow pace and work is severely affected due to inadequate security.

(c): The anticipated cost of the project is Rs. 1105.23 crore and Rs. 105.93 crore has been spent till March 2012. Out lay for this project in 2012-13 Railway Budget is Rs. 1 crore. 90%land acquisition, 25% earthwork, 18% minor bridges has been completed in Dallirajhara-Rowghat. Preliminary activities on Rowghat-Jagdarpur section has already been taken up towards land acquisition.

(d): Ministry of Home Affairs and Govt of Chhattisgarh have been requested for providing security for creating environment conducive for project execution.