

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4380
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2012
PENDING PROJECTS
Pratap Narayanrao Shri Sonawane

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of railway projects pending despite laying of foundation stones for the same by Ministers/VIPs in the country;
- (b) the present status of the said projects, project-wise;
- (c) the time by which all such projects are likely to be completed; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(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. 4380 BY SHRI SONAWANE PRATAP NARAYANRAO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2012 REGARDING PENDING PROJECTS.

(a) & (b): As on 01.04.2012, there are 347 ongoing new line, gauge conversion and doubling projects requiring about Rs. 1.47 lakh crore for completion. All sanctioned projects are progressing as per availability of resources.

(c): Targets for projects are fixed on yearly basis based on availability of funds. Many projects get completed in phases.

(d): To expedite completion of ongoing projects, efforts are made to generate extra budgetary financing through State participation, Public Private Partnership, defence funding, declaring some projects as National Projects and implementation of bankable projects through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited. In addition,

(i) the contract conditions have been modified to bring efficiency in contract management and field units have been empowered with further delegation of powers; and

(ii) Security, land acquisition and environment issues are also taken up with State Governments and Ministry of Environment & Forest for early approvals.