GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2182 ANSWERED ON:06.12.2012 PROJECTS FINANCED BY FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS Rajaram Shri Wakchaure Bhausaheb

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the present status of the ongoing railway projects financed by the Foreign Financial Institutions in the country, project-wise;
- (b) the details of estimated cost, funds received from the said institutions along with utilization status thereof, project-wise;
- (c) the details of commitment charges paid so far to the said institutions; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways for optimum utilization of such funding so as to avoid payment of commitment charges in future?

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 UESTION NO. 2182 BY SHRI WAKCHAURE BHAUSAHEB RAJ ARAM TO BE NSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.12.2012 REGARDING PROJECTS FINANCED BY FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS

- (a) The project-wise details and the present status of the on-going Railway projects funded by Foreign Financial Institutions are as unden-
- (i) Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC): Western DFC is 1499 km long and extends from Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai to Tughlakabad/Dadri near Delhi. Construction work of 54 major and important bridges in Vaitema Bharuch section of Western DFC has been undertaken through Indian Railways` own resources and is in progress. On the JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) funded portion, Pre-Qualification (PQ) for civil and track works for packages I & II (Rewari -Iqbalgarh, 625 km) of phase I has been completed,
- (ii) Eastern DFC: Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) is 1839 kms. Long and extends from Dankuni near Kolkata to Ludhiana in Punjab. Mughalsarai-Sonnagar Section (118 Kms) of Eastern DFC is being constructed through Indian Railways` own resources and construction work is in progress. Ludhiana Mughalsarai section (1183 km) of Eastern DFC is being implemented with World Bank loan. Loan Agreement for the first sector (Khurja-Kanpur, 343 km) has been signed. Technical evaluation of civil construction bids is complete. Construction work in Khurja Kanpur sector will start after award of civil contract. Sonnagar-Dankuni section (534 km) of Eastern DFC is planned to be implemented through Public Private Partnership (PPP). As on 31.10.2012 out of total land of 10667 hectares to be acquired for Eastern and Western DFC, Award under section 20 F of Railway Amendment Act 2008 has been declared for 7724 hectares (72%).
- (iii) Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP)-Phase-II is an ongoing project partly funded by World Bank loan. This loan has been effective from 8th October 2010. The components of the MUTP Phase II Project which are funded from the World Bank loan and are presently under implementation are as below:
- 1. 5th & 6th line between CSTM-Kurla & Thane-Diva
- 2. Extension of Harbour Line.
- 3. 6th line between Mumbai Central-Borivali,
- 4. Procurement of EMU Rakes,
- 5. DC-AC Conversion,
- 6. EMU Maintenance facility,

- 7. Stabling lines,
- 8. Resettlement & Rehabilitation
- (iv) The following are the ongoing projects and components funded by loan from Asian Development Bank (ADB). The loan has been effective from 05.10.2012.
- 1. Daund-Gulbarga Doubling
- 2. Pune- Guntakal Railway Electrification
- 3. Raipur-Titlagarh Doubling
- 4. Sambalpur-Titlagarh Doubling
- 5. Hospet-Tinaighat Doubling
- 6. Efficiency Enhancement Component and
- 7. Clean Development Mechanism Component

These projects have just started.

- (v) The project of `Modernisation of Signalling and Telecommunication system on Kanpur-Ghaziabad section` is financed by Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau (KFW Bank), Germany. Electronic Interlocking at 28 stations out of 47 stations and Automatic Signalling on 33 block sections out of 47 block sections have been commissioned. Installation of 36 out of 61 towers for Global system for Mobile Communications. 70% Optical Fibre and Quad Cable Network is completed.
- (b) The details of estimated cost, funds received from the said institutions along with utilization status thereof, project-wise are as below;

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Project Estimated Amount of Loan Funds Received and Project Component Utilised till date cost
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Western Dedicated rs 96000 Cr Loan Agreement for JPY JPY 1788.34 million
Freight Corridor 94.2 billion signed
(DFC) out of total loan of
    JPY 646 billion
Eastern Dedicated Loan Agreement for USD 975 US $2.91 million
Freight Corridor million signed out of total
(DFC) loan of USD 2.7 billion
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MUTP-Phase II \, rs 5300 Cr. US $ 430 million \, US $54.34 million
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Ongoing ADB funded rs 12230.725 Loan Agreement for first Nil Project stranche of US$ 150 million signed
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Ongoing KFW projects 108.5 million Euro 82.08 million Euro 37 million Euro
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- (c): Yes, Madam, The Ministry of Finance, Government of India has paid commitment charges on the KFW and JICA loan. The commitment charges are paid by the Ministry of Finance and not by the Railways. The amount of commitment charges paid till date is given below:-
- (i) KFW Loan Euro 3.11 million paid by Ministry of Finance,
- (ii) JICA loan for DFC JPY 7.81 million paid by Ministry of Finance

- (d): The following steps are being taken by the railways for optimum utilisation of the above funding to avoid payment of commitment charges in the future:-
- 1. World Loan for MUTP Phase II- There is no commitment charges.
- 2. KFW Loan- Regular monitoring of work is being done to minimize delays.
- 3. ADB Loan- Multi-tranche Financing Facility loan has been taken in which loan tranches are taken as per the requirement of work, to minimize the commitment charges. Composite contracts have been awarded to avoid delays En construction. Further, regular monitoring of these contracts is being done so as to minimize delays.
- 4. JICA & World Bank Loan for DFC Project-Project implementation is being monitored regularly to ensure the project timelines.