

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2837

ANSWERED ON:14.03.2013

STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT RAILWAY LINES

Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji;Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba;Dharmshi Shri Babar Gajanan;Rao Shri Nama Nageswara

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the 14 strategically important railway line projects in the country are being delayed and lying pending since long due to funding constraints;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways to work out a suitable financing module for these projects and complete them in view of the increasing presence of Railway network across the borders;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to declare them as National Projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Railways to expedite the completion thereof?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2837 BY SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO, SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL, SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJI AND SHRI GAJANAND D. BABAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.03.2013 REGARDING STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT RAILWAY LINES

(a) No, Madam. On the request of Ministry of Defence, 14 strategically important rail line projects/proposals have been identified. Out of these 14 projects/proposals, Rishikesh- Karanprayag new line project has been included in the Railway Budget 2010-11.

(b) Rishikesh-Karanprayag new line project is fully funded by Ministry of Finance as additionality to Gross Budgetary Support. Funding for other strategically important projects has not been decided.

(c) to (e) Projects important from strategic viewpoints in Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern Region or developmental projects which result in greater integration of these regions with the rest of India, could be categorized as National Projects. This concept will not be applicable for other regions of the country. Accordingly, strategic projects of Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern Region are considered for sanction as National Project.