GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4130 ANSWERED ON:21.03.2013 ROWGHAT RAILWAY PROJECT Pandey Saroj

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the present status of Rowghat railway project in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the details of funds allocated/spent thereon; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to expedite the completion of the project?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4130 BY KUMARI SAROJ PANDEY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.03.2013 REGARDING ROWGHAT RAILWAY PROJECT

(a) to (c) Dallhirajhara-Jagdalpur new line project (240 km) has been taken up in Chhattisgarh. The latest anticipated cost of the project is Rs.1105.23 crore. An amount of Rs.306.77 crore is expected to have been spent on it to the end of the year 2012-13. An amount of Rs.5.01 crore is proposed for it in Railway Budget 2013-14. Overall physical progress of phase-I (Dallirajhara- Rowghat (95 km) of the project is 16%. The project has been transferred to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited, a PSU under Ministry of Railways for its expeditious execution. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed among Ministry of Railways, National Mineral Development Corporation, Steel Authority of India Ltd. and State Government of Chhattisgarh for different obligations including funding, providing land, etc. As the alignment area of the project is infested with Naxal activities, the execution work has not progressed as was envisaged in the MOU. The issues of provision of security to the area and environmental clearance for acquiring revenue forest land, have been taken up with the Ministries of Home Affairs and Environment & Forests.