

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4938
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2013
RAILWAY LINE PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of new line project on Roorkee-Muzaffarnagar and Agra-Etawah sections;
- (b) the present status of progress made towards sanctioning of Dehradun-Kalsi new line project alongwith the details of steps taken by the Railways in this regard; and
- (c) the details of financial implications assessed for these projects along with the details of financing module worked out and the funds allocated/spent thereon so far, project-wise?

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. 4938 BY SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA AND PROF. RAM SHANKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 25.04.2013 REGARDING RAILWAY LINE PROJECTS.

(a) To (c): Deoband (near Muzaffarnagar)-Roorkee new line project has been taken up on 50 : 50 cost sharing basis with the State Govt. of Uttarakhand. Agra-Etawah new line work is being funded through Railway's Normal Gross Budgetary Support. Details of these projects are as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)					
New line Latest Project antici- pated March, cost 2013	Expendi- ture upto March, 2013-14	Proposed outlay Prog- ress	Finan- cial	Remarks	
Deoband- 336.90	176.56	20.00	52%	Acquisition of land taken up.	
Roorkee (27.45 km)	427.21	353.21	25.00	83%	Bhandai-Fatehabad
Agra- Etawah (114 km)	-Bah section (74 km) completed . On the 40 km long Bah-Udi portion, 20 km has been completed and the remaining 20 km is targeted for completion in 2013-14				

Dehradun-Kalsi new line survey was completed in 2009-10 and as per the survey report, the cost of construction of this 43.45 km long new line was assessed as Rs. 557.18 crore with a rate of return of (-) 3.90%. Ministry of Defence and State Govt. of Uttarakhand were approached with cost sharing proposals. The project could not be advanced as no positive response was received from either of them. Subsequently, at the request of the State Govt. of Uttarakhand, Dehradun- Vikasnagar new line survey was taken up.