

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:15
ANSWERED ON:02.07.2009
NON-COMPLETION OF RAILWAY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of Railway projects have incurred time and cost overrun;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what are the reasons for non-completion of these projects on scheduled time;
- (d) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed;
- (e) whether Railways propose to strengthen their monitoring mechanism to ensure completion of projects in time; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (f): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 15 BY SHRI GANESH SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.07.2009 REGARDING NON-COMPLETION OF RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) to (d): Railways have a huge throwforward of ongoing projects, under new lines, gauge conversion, doublings, railway electrification and metropolitan transport projects. Due to limited availability of resources, the projects take long time in completion. The targets for the projects are generally fixed on yearly basis based on the availability of resources and progress and many of the projects get completed in phases. The main reasons for delay have been paucity of funds, delay in land acquisition and environmental/forestry clearance, failure of contracts, adverse law and order conditions and other market forces affecting the progress. Ongoing projects undergo cost escalation on account of various reasons like change in the standard of construction & technology, scope of work, inflation, etc. With the present availability of funds and the large throwforward, it is not possible to fix and maintain many targets. Moreover, time and cost overrun is not feasible to be assessed in the absence of assured availability of matching funds at the time of taking up of the projects. No time frame for completion of all the projects is feasible to be fixed in such a scenario.

(e) & (f): Adequate monitoring mechanism exists to monitor progress of projects at Zonal Railway and Ministry level. Strengthening of the mechanism whenever required as per the need is done.