

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:867
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2013
DOUBLING PROJECTS IN KERALA
Mani Shri Jose K.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of doubling of railway line from Mulanthuruthy to Chingavanam in Kerala;
- (b) the reason for the delay in completion of the said project;
- (c) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

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 QUESTION NO. 867 BY SHRI JOSE K. MANI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2013 REGARDING DOUBLING PROJECTS IN KERALA.

(a): Doubling of entire Mulanturutti-Chingavanam line has been taken up under Mulanturutti- Kuruppantara and Kuruppantara-Chingavanam doubling projects. On Mulanturutti-Kuruppantara doubling project, bridge works and Reach works have been taken up. Government of Kerala has to expedite handing over of balance land for this project. This project is targeted for completion during 2013-14. Works on Kuruppantara-Chingavanam doubling project would be taken up after the Government of Kerala hands over the required land.

(b): Acute resource constraints being faced by the Railways and delay in handing-over of required land from the State Government is causing delay in completion of works on above projects.

(c): Work on entire Mulanturutti-Kuruppantara doubling project is targeted for completion during 2013-14. No target date for completion of Kuruppantara-Chingavanam doubling project is fixed.

(d): Regular meetings are being held with the concerned authorities from the Government of Kerala to sort out issues concerning delay in handing over of the required land for the projects.