

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:901
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2013
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;
- (c) the date on which the said project was sanctioned along with the time by which it is likely to be completed; and
- (d) 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 (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. 901 BY KUMARI SAROJ PANDEY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2013 REGARDING ROWGHAT RAILWAY PROJECT.

(a) & (b): The latest anticipated cost of Dallirajhara- Rowghat-Jagdalpur new line project (235 km) is Rs. 1105.23 crore. An expenditure of Rs. 126.38 crore has been incurred on the project upto March, 2013. An amount of Rs. 5.01 crore has been provided to it during 2013-14. Its overall physical progress is 16.5%.

(c) & (d): The project was sanctioned in the year 1998-1999. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed among Government of Chattisgarh, Steel Authority of India Ltd., National Mineral Development Corporation and Ministry of Railways for execution of the project. Dallirajhara- Rowghat (95 Km) (Phase-I) has been transferred to Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Railways for expeditious execution. Execution of the project has been badly disrupted by Naxal activities. Meetings with Union Ministry of Home Affairs and Government of Chhatisgarh have been held for provision of Security along the alignment area of the project to enable further execution of the construction work. Requisition for land acquisition in Rowghat-Jagdalpur section has been submitted to State Government. The project will be completed in coming years subject to availability of resources.