

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2076
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2013
ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIONS ON RAILWAY PROJECTS
Deo Shri Kalikesh Narayan Singh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway projects which are held up or pending in the country due to objections raised by the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), zone and State/UT-wise;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to restart and expedite the said projects by clearing the objections of the MoEF, zone-wise;
- (c) the reasons for delay in getting clearance for these projects; and
- (d) the time by which the work on these projects is likely to be restarted?

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. 2076 BY SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.08.2013 REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIONS ON RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a) to (d): Zone-wise number of railway projects which are held up in the country due to non clearance by the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF) are as given below:

S. No. Railway Zone No. of projects

1 Central #

2 East Coast 5

3 East Central 3

4 Eastern 1

5 Northern #

6 North Central #

7 North Eastern #

8 Northeast Frontier 2

9 North Western 1

10 Southern #

11 South Central 2

12 South Eastern 2

13 South East Central 2

14 South Western 2

15 West Central #

16 Western #

Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF) and concerned State Governments are being pursued through regular coordination meetings with Chief Secretary and other concerned officials to speed up forestry clearance of the pending cases.

As the clearance of the above projects is not solely in control of Ministry of Railways, the time by which the work on these projects is likely to be resumed is not feasible to be fixed. Work in non forest areas of these projects have been taken up.