GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:887 ANSWERED ON:08.08.2013 ROB IN TAMIL NADU Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the projects being undertaken for the construction of ROBs/RUBs/ Extension of railway platforms/renovation of railway stations in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the status of each of the projects as on date;
- (c) the funds allocated and released for the same till date; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways to complete the above works within the stipulated time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (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.887 BY SHRI E.G. SUGAVANAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2013 REGARDING ROB IN TAMIL NADU.

(a) As per Pink Book 2013-14, works of construction of 154 Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and 277 Road Under Bridges (RUBs)/Subways have been sanctioned in various Railway Budgets.

Upgradation/improvement/augmentation of passenger amenities including extension of railway platforms of stations in Tamil Nadu is a continuous process and works in this regard are undertaken as and when warranted by growth in passenger traffic subject to availability of funds.

- (b) Progress of these works is as under:
- # 13 ROBs and 01 RUB have been completed and commissioned,
- # In addition to the above, work of construction of Railway Bridge Portion in 31 ROBs have also been completed.
- # Remaining works are in various stages of progress of planning, estimation and construction.
- (c) Railway has allotted Rs. 80.37 crores for ROB/RUB/Level Crossing works during 2013-14.

The expenditure on extension of railway platforms/renovation of railway stations is funded under Plan Head -'Passenger Amenities'. For these works, Station-wise/State-wise details of expenditure are not being maintained. The stations of Tamil Nadu come under Southern, South Central and South Western Railway. The allocation under Plan Head 'Passenger Amenities' on these Railways for the year 2013-14 is as under:

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Railway Funds Allocated (Rs. In crore)

Southern 67.72

South Central 99.69

South Western 35.46
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- (d) In general, Railway undertakes construction of ROB in Railway Bridge Portion whereas approaches are being constructed by State Govt. Smooth progress of ROBs/RUBs mainly depends on positive cooperation from the State Govt. To expedite the progress of construction of ROBs/RUBs/Subways, Railway has taken pro-active measures in close coordination with various stake holders as under:
- # joint survey with all concerned including State Govt. to finalise the tentative GAD (General Arrangement of Drawing),
- # circulation of check list and guidelines for preparation of GAD to State Govt. to avoid any back reference from Railway to State Govt.
- # standardization of drawings for various spans to avoid delay in designing.
- # nomination of nodal officer for single window clearance of GAD from Railway side
- # use of pre-cast /pre-fabricated components of the bridge.
- # engaging single agency for construction of Railway Bridge as well as the approaches.