

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:5

ANSWERED ON:05.12.2013

RAILWAY PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the railway projects sanctioned during the last three years and the current year, zone-wise;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and spent thereon, zone-wise;
- (c) the total number of projects running behind schedule along with those pending due to financial constraints, zone-wise;
- (d) whether any committee has been set up to monitor the implementation of the aforesaid projects and find out the reasons for the delay therein, and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to generate extra budgetary support for the purpose and expedite completion of the said projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 5 BY SHRI BALIRAM JADHAV AND SHRI BHISMA SHANKER ALIAS KUSHAL TWARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.12.2013 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a): During last three years and the current year i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 & 2013-14, 54 new line projects covering a length of 5431 Km, 9 gauge conversion projects covering a length of 1420 Km 108 doubling projects covering a length of 5087 Km, 27 projects of Railway Electrification & 188 projects of Workshop & Production Units have been sanctioned. Zone-wise break-up of these projects is given in Appendix-I.

(b): Zone-wise details of expenditure in last 3 years & allocation made during 2013-14 on New Line, Gauge Conversion, Doubling, Electrification & Workshop projects sanctioned in last 3 years and current year is given in Appendix-II.

(c): As on 01.04.2013, there are 368 ongoing railway works projects consisting of 156 New Line, 43 Gauge Conversion and 169 Doubling projects having a throwforward of Rs. 1,78,216 Crore, against which annual allocation is approx. Rs. 10,000 crore. 38 Electrification projects have throwforward of Rs. 7309 crore and 528 Workshop projects have throwforward of Rs. 16754 crore. Projects are progressing as per availability of resources. Targets are fixed every year depending upon availability of resources and progress of individual projects.

(d): Though, there is no monitoring committee, project monitoring is a continuous process. There is firm monitoring mechanism in Railway Board in the respective directorates. Board also reviews progress of works at regular intervals.

(e): To expedite completion of projects, a number of initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources through non-budgetary measures like funding by State Governments and other beneficiaries, execution of projects through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited on Special Purpose Vehicle basis, raising of funds through market borrowing etc. To expedite completion of the above-mentioned projects and to reduce delays on account of land acquisition, security issues and forestry clearances etc, meetings with State Officials at various levels are held from time to time. Field units have been empowered with further delegation of powers and the contract conditions have been modified to bring efficiency in contract management.