

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:860
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UDHAMPUR-BARAMULLA RAIL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether execution work at Katra-Qazigund Section of Udhampur-Baramulla rail project has been stopped since July 2008;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Expert Committee constituted to find out engineering solution to solve the problem has submitted its report;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether railways have to acquire additional and in addition to land already acquired as per earlier survey; and
- (f) if so, the details of expenditure made so far for land acquisition and additional financial expenditure to be borne by the railways due to change in alignment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a)&(b): Work from Km 30 to Km 144 of Katra-Qazigund section of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail project has been temporarily suspended since July 2008 due to certain technical issues.
- (c)&(d) : Yes, Madam. The Expert Committee has recently submitted its report and the report is under examination.
- (e)& (f) : A sum of Rs. 624.88 crore has been paid towards land acquisition for the project so far.