GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3646 ANSWERED ON:13.02.2014 NEW RAILWAY LINE PROJECTS Virendra Kumar Shri

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new railway lines proposed to be laid during the 12th Five Year Plan period in the country, zone/State-wise along with the target achieved so far;

(b) the details of funds allocated and spent thereon, so far;

(c) the present status of new railway line projects on Jhansi-Chhatrapur via Tikampur section; and

(d) the time by which the said projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE 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. 3646 BY SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.02.2014 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINE PROJECTS

(a) During the 12th Five Year Plan, 1392 Km of New Lines is planned for completion. New railway line projects are sanctioned in the annual budget/ supplementary budget. There is no system of proposing specific railway projects in Five year Plans.

(b) Rs 35,000 Crore is planned to be invested for construction of new lines during 12th Five Year Plan. An expenditure of Rs 7297 Crore has been made on New Line projects, during 2012-13 i.e. the first year of XII Five Year Plan. An outlay of Rs 6950 Crore has been provided for New Line projects for the year 2013-14.

(c) Jhansi-Lalitpur is already existing Broad Gauge line. Lalitpur-Singrauli new line has been taken up. This line passes through Tikamgarh, Chhatarpur, Khajuraho, Rewa and Siddhi. Lalitpur -Tikamgarh section has been commissioned. Work beyond Tikamgarh has been taken up.

(d) As on 01.04.2013, there are 156 ongoing New Line, 43 Gauge Conversion and 169 doubling projects across the country requiring about Rs 178216 crore for their completion. Due to huge throw forward & limited availability of resources, the time by which an ongoing project can be completed, is not feasible to be fixed. Time frame for completion of a project is decided annually depending upon operational requirement, availability of resources and progress made on individual projects.