

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:296
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2009
CENTRAL RAILWAY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Central Railway Projects which are running behind schedule and the reasons for delay in their execution;
- (b) the measures taken to complete these projects;
- (c) the details of the cost over-run and the revised estimates sanctioned for these projects;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to formulate a specific mechanism to ensure timely completion of Railway Projects in a cost effective manner; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 296 BY SHRI K.S. RAO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.07.2009 REGARDING CENTRAL RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a): Miraj-Pandharpur of Miraj-Latur gauge conversion project is running behind schedule which was targeted for conversion by March, 2009. There has been delay in land acquisition by State Government and failure of contractors. Ongoing projects are being processed as per availability of resources.

(b): Of late, the availability of funds for the projects has improved due to increase in budgetary support, funds, funds through internal generation, additionally for National Projects, State Government sharing and funds for RVNL projects. Adequate provisions have been made for Miraj-Latur gauge conversion project during 2009-10. The field units have been empowered and suitable measures have been taken to bring in efficiency in contract management.

(c): Ongoing railway projects undergo cost escalation on account of various reasons like change in the standard of construction & technology, scope of work, inflation, etc. In the absence of assured availability of matching funds at the time of taking up of a project, cost overrun is not feasible to be evaluated. Miraj-Latur Gauge conversion project was included in Budget 1993-94 at a cost of Rs.225 crore. Now, anticipated cost is Rs.823.07 crore.

(d) & (e): The projects are proposed to be monitored closely for timely completion. There is a huge shelf of projects with limited availability of resources. Mechanism is being evolved for funding of these projects.