

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3500

ANSWERED ON:10.12.2009

RAIL PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of ongoing/pending railway projects, survey of laying new railway line and road over bridge/under bridge in Tamil Nadu alongwith target fixed for their completion;
- (b) the amount allocated and spent thereon till date, project-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways have any proposal to link Chamaraj Nagar with Mettupalaiyam in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3500 BY SHRI DHRUVA NARAYANA AND SHRI SUGUMAR K. AND DR. M. THAMBIDURAI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.12.2009 REGARDING RAIL PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU.

(a) & (b): Details of the ongoing new line, gauge conversion & doubling projects, surveys for laying of new lines and Road Over/Under Bridges falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu, outlay provided during 2009-10, expenditure incurred thereon and target date for completion, wherever fixed, are given in Appendix.

(c) to (e): The work of Mysore-Chamarajanagar with extension to Mettupalayam was included in the Budget 1997-98. The survey of Chamarajanagar-Mettupalayam new line could not be done as Tamil Nadu Forest Department had not permitted Railways to conduct survey in the Forest area as the proposed line passes through important Elephant Corridor of Western Ghats.

On being denied permission by Tamil Nadu Forest Department,Railway has approached Central Empowered Committee (CEC), constituted under the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court for permission to conduct survey. CEC, after hearing the petition, has been unable to recommend the survey work.