

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4469

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RAILWAY PROJECTS IN SOUTHERN RAILWAY ZONE

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the status of new, ongoing/pending railway projects in the Southern Railway Zone alongwith target fixed for their completion;
- (b) the amount allocated and spent thereon till date, project-wise;
- (c) whether some of these projects are behind the schedule; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the said work?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4469 BY SHRI S. SEMMALAI, SHRIMATI J. HELEN DAVIDSON, SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN, SHRI M. KRISHNASSWAMY, SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH, SHRI N. PEETHAMBARA KURUP AND SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.12.2009 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN SOUTHERN RAILWAY ZONE.

(a) to (d): Details of the new, ongoing/pending railway projects under Southern Railway Zone, outlay provided during 2009-10 and outlay provided upto March, 2009 are available in the Budget Document for the year 2009-10. The status of ongoing new line, gauge conversion and doubling projects with target date for completion, wherever fixed, is given in Appendix.

On-going projects are being progressed as per availability of resources.A number of initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources through non-budgetary measures like public/private partnership, funding by State Governments and other beneficiaries to expedite progress of these projects. Land acquisition for the various projects in the State of Kerala is taking longer time due to resistance by the local people. Regular meetings are being held with State Government Authorities to expedite land acquisition and to sort out other issues.