

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:946  
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DELAY IN DOUBLING WORK  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have noticed the delay in doubling work of railway lines in the State of Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay;
- (c) whether the land acquisition for doubling work has been completed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the estimated funds required to complete the doubling work of railway line in the State; and
- (f) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a) and (b): Yes, Madam. Six doubling projects falling fully/partly in Kerala have been taken up by Railways. These projects have been delayed primarily due to land acquisition problems, abnormal increase in cost of land, protests by local people etc. which have remained unresolved till date. Projects have also been delayed due to inadequate overall availability of funds in the previous years.
- (c) and (d): Against the total requirement of 79 hectare for the six projects, the State Government has handed over 47 hectare of land for four projects only.
- (e): About ` 1014 crore is required to complete above projects.
- (f): Time lines for completion of all these projects cannot be given in absence of complete land acquisition.