

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NON COMPLETION OF RAILWAY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have taken a note that its projects are held up due to lack of coordination among various other Ministries of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways have identified such projects during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Indian Railways have 362 ongoing major projects comprising 154 New Lines, 42 Gauge Conversions and 166 Doublings. Projects have been mostly delayed due to delay in land acquisition by the State Government, in addition to limited overall availability of funds. There are only 18 projects where co-ordination with Ministry of Environment & Forests and/or Archaeological Survey of India is required. Regular co-ordination meetings are held amongst various Ministries and the issues are resolved from time to time. However, in case of projects needing wild life clearances, the approval is given by Central Empowered Committee working under the direct supervision of Supreme Court of India.