

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4281
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2015
FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS
Vellaigounder Shri Elumalai

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of railway projects being implemented in Tamil Nadu by Southern Railway;
- (b) whether the Railways have allocated adequate funds for the implementation of those projects;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of funds allocated for the purpose;
- (d) the present status of Tindivanam-Tiruvannamalai and Tindivanam-Nagari railway line project; and
- (e) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4281 BY SHRI ELUMALAI V. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.04.2015 REGARDING FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a) to (c): 25 major railway projects consisting of 08 New Lines, 06 Gauge Conversions and 11 Doublings falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu have been taken up.

Allocation of outlay to various projects depends on overall availability of funds, present progress of the project and the relative priority. An outlay of ` 1853 crore has been provided for these projects in 2015-16 against the outlay of ` 722 crore in 2014-15.

(d) and (e): Tindivanam-Tiruvannamalai new line project (70 km) has been taken up at an anticipated cost of ` 227 crore. Land acquisition papers and the amount of compensation toward land acquisition demanded by the State Government amounting to ` 12 crore has been submitted to the State Government. So far, no land is handed over to Railways. Meanwhile, work on eight major bridges, where land acquisition is not involved, has been taken up and four of them have been completed.

Tindivanam-Nagari new line project (179 Km) has been taken up at an anticipated cost of ` 583 crore. Work on Walajah Road-Ranipet section (6.5 Km) has already been completed. On balance portion, 4 hectare out of 754 hectare of land has been acquired and earthwork, bridge works, ballast supply, etc. have been taken up.

Time lines for the projects have not been fixed due to delay in handing over of required land by State Government and limited overall availability of funds.