

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5292
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2015
RAILWAY PROJECTS
Senguttuvan Shri Balasubramaniam

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Southern Railway propose to enter in joint venture projects with the State Government of Tamil Nadu on key railway projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;
- (c) whether the Southern Railway would take up the laying of new railway lines to Krishnagiri and Hosur under such joint ventures and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Southern Railways has also any plans to modernize Katpadi, Vellore, Vaniyambadi, Ambur and Gudiyattam Railway Station by providing them with passenger amenities and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Southern Railway plan to use the Government land/defence land to provide a subway at old Katpadi level-crossing and if so, the details thereof?

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. 5292 BY SHRI SENGUTTUVAN B. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.04.2015 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a) to (c): Ministry of Railways has approached all States including Tamil Nadu for formation of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to identify, monitor and finance Railway projects and Government of Tamil Nadu has consented for the same. A Cabinet Note for formation of SPVs with the various states have been prepared. The projects to be undertaken by the SPVs will be decided with mutual consultations between respective State Governments and Ministry of Railways after approval of the Cabinet Note.

(d): Essential passenger amenities such as platform shelter, seating arrangements, drinking water, toilets etc. are available at Katpadi, Vellore Cantonment, Vaniyambadi, Ambur and Gudiyatham railway stations. Modernisation of stations and provision/augmentation of amenities at stations is a continuous process and is undertaken as per requirements, inter-se priority of works and availability of funds. Katpadi and Ambur railway stations have been developed under 'Model' and 'Modern' station scheme. Further, works for augmentation of platform shelter and improvement to water supply arrangements & platform surface have been undertaken at Katpadi railway station.

(e): There is no such proposal for construction of subway at old Katpadi level crossing.