

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5389
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2015
PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS
Pandey Shri Ravindra Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the various railway developmental projects are being implemented as per the time bound plan during the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways have received any proposal from industries regarding framing any action plan to develop smart cities around railway stations on the lines of Singapore;
- (d) if so, whether the Railways propose to create land pool, land bank in place of land acquisitions in order to develop smart cities in the coming years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the action plan envisaged by the Railways to complete work on pending rail projects in the country on priority basis?

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 LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5389 BY SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.04.2015 REGARDING PENDING RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) & (b): It is Railways endeavour to complete various railway development projects expeditiously. However, completion of a railway project is dependent upon funds available for allotment, acquisition of land, statutory clearances like forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, cutting of trees, construction of road over bridges and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies etc. Since many of these factors are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways, timelines for completion of all the projects are not feasible to be fixed.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Various measures taken to expedite completion of projects include substantial increase in allocation of funds, prioritisation of projects, delegation of powers at field level, inviting the State Governments to participate with Railways for resource mobilisation for projects, nomination of nodal officers for improved co-ordination with the State Governments etc.