

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5432
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2015
PENDING PROJECTS IN RAILWAYS
Chaudhary Shri P.P.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to complete the pending rail projects by providing additional funds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to accord priority to non-profitable schemes in allocation of funds;
- (d) if so, whether the Railways propose to seek participation of private sector along with the State Governments in these schemes; and
- (e) 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 LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5432 BY SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.04.2015 REGARDING PENDING PROJECTS IN RAILWAYS

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The outlay for major projects consisting of New Line, Gauge Conversion, Doubling, Railway Electrification and Workshops has been increased substantially to about `40,300 Crores as against about `18,000 Crores in 2014-15.

(c): Many projects which are not financially viable for Railways have also been taken up on socio-economic considerations. However, Railways have now accorded high priority to the capacity enhancement works.

(d) & (e): Ministry of Railways has approached all State Governments to form Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) jointly with Ministry of Railways to undertake mutually identified rail infrastructure projects for project development, resources mobilization and monitoring. 17 State Governments have consented to form the SPVs. Possibility of participation of industry in project specific SPVs can also be considered depending on their willingness. In addition to this, Railway is also mobilizing resources by market borrowing for viable projects.