

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1103
ANSWERED ON:17.07.2014
RAILWAY LINES IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of new railway line project on Angamali-Sabarimala section including the status of land acquisition and the compensation paid in lieu thereof along with the reasons for slow pace of work thereon;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and spent thereon;
- (c) whether the Railways have sought any participation from the Government of Kerala in the said project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction thereto; and
- (e) the present status of the long pending survey for new railway line on Tirunnavaya-Guruvayur section along with funds allocated and spent thereon including steps taken to expedite the work?

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. 1103 BY SHRI ANTO ANTONY AND ADV. JOICE GEORGE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.07.2014 REGARDING RAILWAY LINES IN KERALA

(a) to (d): Angamali-Sabarimala new line project (116 Km) has been sanctioned at an anticipated cost of Rs. 1566 crore. On the request of State Government, the alignment has been terminated at Azutha, short of Sabarimala. Land in 16 Km stretch in Angamali-Kaladi-Perumbavoor section has been acquired and physical work taken up.

Rs. 87.53 crores has been paid towards compensation for land acquisition for this project upto 31.03.2014. An expenditure of Rs. 137.41 crores has been incurred upto March, 2014 and an outlay of Rs. 20 crores has been provided during 2014-15.

The project has suffered delay due to late finalization of alignment by State Government, local resistance against land acquisition, court cases, abnormal increase in land cost etc. The State Government has been requested to provide land free of cost and share 50% construction cost of the project. However, the State Government has not acceded to Railway's request.

(e): Tirunavaya-Guruvayur new line (35 Km) has been sanctioned at an anticipated cost of Rs. 1384 crore. An expenditure of about Rs. 23 crore has been incurred upto March, 2014 and an outlay of Rs. 5 crore has been provided during 2014-15. Project alignment has been approved by State Government in 2009 but Final Location Survey has not progressed due to public protests.