

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 359  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

**ACTION AGAINST THE RAIL VIKAS NIGAM LTD. (RVNL)**

**359 SHRI SUDAMA PRASAD:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:**

- (a) according to the Hindustan Times report dated 31st March, 2023, approximately 1,000 houses have been damaged across four districts of Uttarakhand due to the construction of Rishikesh-Karnaprayag railway line project, if so, the details of action that have been taken/are being taken by the Government against the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for the damage caused;**
- (b) whether the complaints have been received by the Government in this regard and if so, the action taken report on the complaints;**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted an EIA prior to the commencement of the Rishikesh-Karnaprayag project to evaluate potential risks, if so, the details of EIA reports of the project; and**
- (d) whether the Government is planning to compensate the families whose homes have been damaged due to the said project and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 359 BY SHRI SUDAMA PRASAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING ACTION AGAINST THE RAIL VIKAS NIGAM LTD. (RVNL).**

**(a) to (d) : Rishikesh – Karnprayag new line project (125km) passes through young Himalayas. The project involves construction of 105 km main line tunnels in very difficult geological conditions. So far 89 km main line tunnels have been completed. The tunnelling is being carried out with all precautions and latest technology to ensure minimum damage to ecology and surroundings. However, there have been few instances of damage to some structures during tunnelling.**

**To assess the damage to structures, committees comprising of Deputy Director/Geologist Mining deptt, SDM, Executive Engineer (PWD), and Geologist from RVNL have been formed in all the four districts i.e. Tehri Garhwal, Pauri Garhwal, Rudraprayag and Chamoli.**

**Based upon the assessment of damage to structures by the committee, compensation is decided. Till now about ₹11 Crores have been given for disbursal to 628 affected parties.**

**Environment Impact Assessment study and Environment mitigation and management plan of Rishikesh-Karnaprayag project was completed in Mar'2016. The same was proof checked by IIT Roorkee. All efforts are being made to execute the works by following the best industry practices and as advised in the impact assessment and mitigation measures given in the EIA report.**

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