GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

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REPORT OF RAKESH MOHAN COMMITTEE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have since decided to revive Dr. Rakesh Mohan Committee report on railway restructuring and also decided to have a thorough examination of the interim report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether finances are the main hurdle in the timely completion of various railway projects;
- (d) if so, whether the Minister has recently decided to formulate new policies to generate funds for the timely completion of railway projects; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a)&(b): Dr. Rakesh Mohan is yet to submit the report. The various recommendations submitted by Rakesh Mohan Committee in the Interim Executive Summary are under examination in this Ministry.
- (c)to(e): Availability of finances is one of the major factors affecting the progress of Railway projects. Railways have taken the following steps:-
- (i) Obtain increased Budgetary Support from the General Exchequer.
- (ii) Tap non-traditional sources of revenue, e.g. commercial utilisation of land, leasing of right of way for laying Optical Fibre Cables, commercial publicity, etc.
- (iii) Arrange financial participation of State Governments/Private Sector organizations for implementation of specific projects.