

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1548
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2003
BATESHWAR-AGRA RAIL LINE PROJECT
SHIBU SOREN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a rail line connecting Bateshwar with Agra with a project cost of Rs. 217 crore was inaugurated in the year 1999;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the land has been acquired for the said project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether soil preparation had been completed on just 18 km of the 114 km long railway line;
- (f) if so, the reasons for the delay in land acquisition and the mounting per km cost of new railway line;
- (g) whether the farmers are against the land acquisition; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (h) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. ~~B548~~ SHIBU SOREN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2003 REGARDING BATESHWAR-AGRA RAIL LINE PROJECT.

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The foundation stone of this project was laid by Hon`ble Prime Minister Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee on 6th April 1999. The estimated cost of construction of 114 km. long line is Rs. 214 crore.

(c) & (d) : Proposals for land acquisition for all the 92 villages have been submitted to State Government. Out of this, land has been acquired in 14 villages.

(e) : Earthwork is in progress in 18 km. length. Further work will be taken up after land is made available.

(f) : The land acquisition is being done by State Govt. as per their rules and procedure. The increase in cost has not been assessed at this stage.

(g) : No such case of protest from farmers against the land acquisition has been received by Railways.

(h) : Does not arise.