

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:669
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COST OF ON-GOING PROJECTS IN TAMILNADU
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether against the total cost of Rs. 3,056 crores for the ongoing railway projects in the State of Tamil Nadu the Railways so far allotted only Rs. 634.77 crores;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether in the current year too, the allocation was relatively meagre at Rs.179.28 crores;
- (d) whether at this level of allotment of fund, it would take many more years to complete the projects which would result in a heavy cost overrun; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

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

- (a): The total cost of on-going projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu anticipated in the beginning of the current financial year 2003-04 is Rs. 5101.07 crore and the outlay expected upto March 2003 is Rs. 2094.50 crore.
- (b): Constraint of resources.
- (c): During 2003-04 Rs. 245.6 crore has been provided.
- (d) & (e): Funds are being made available state-wise in a transparent manner based on formula and projects/part sections of the projects are identified for their completion in a time bound manner.