

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3793
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COMMENTS ON FARAKKA BARRAGE PROJECT
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has received a draft note on Farakka Barrage Project from the Ministry of Water Resources;
- (b) if so, whether Railway has given comments on the note;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) Ministry of Railways in its comments have expressed the following views
 - (i) The capital cost of Farakka Barrage and its annual maintenance charges should be borne by all beneficiaries including Government of West Bengal and Kolkata Port Trust.
 - (ii) Railways have already shared Rs.11.04 crores towards capital cost of Farakka Barrage and also paid Rs.1.78 crores (approximate) towards its share of maintenance charges.
- (d) Does not arise.