

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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COST ESCALATION DUE TO DELAY IN COMPLETION OF RAIL PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are responsible for the cost escalation of nearly Rs.10,000 crore of the total of over Rs.15,000 crore cost escalation due to delays in completing the railway projects as reported by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation in their latest data probing projects of various ministries;

(b) if so, reasons which contributed the delay in the implementation of the projects; and

(c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Ministry to complete the projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A number of initiatives have been taken to augment resources for expediting completion of the ongoing projects. These include sharing by State Governments, Public/Private Partnership, funding from Ministry of Defence, additional resources for National Project of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla and funds for National Rail Vikas Yojana.