

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:385
ANSWERED ON:21.04.2005
IMPLEMENTATION OF RAILWAY PROJECTS
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Committees/ Commissions set up as on date to ensure implementation of railway projects besides safety and improvement in the railways; and

(b) the action taken on the recommendations made by these Committees/Commissions?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 385 BY SHRI HEMLAL MURMU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.04.2005 REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a) & (b): A Standing Empowered Committee has been set up in September, 2004 to periodically review and monitor the progress of projects costing Rs.100 crore and above. The Empowered Committee is headed by Member Engineering, Railway Board and consists of Secretary, Planning Commission, Secretary (Expenditure), Ministry of Finance, Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and Additional Member (Budget), Railway Board as its members. Since this is a standing committee, it is not required to give one time specific recommendations regarding project implementation.

There are in all over 135 Railway projects costing more than Rs.100 crore. In its first meeting held on 22.12.2004, the Committee reviewed the progress of projects costing Rs 1000 crore and above and fixed targets for completion of the projects. The Committee took note of heavy throwforward of ongoing projects with limited availability of resources. The problems being faced in implementation of Railway Projects were also discussed like non-deposition of State share by the State Governments for cost-sharing projects, delay in forestry clearance and steep hike in steel prices. The problem areas are being continuously monitored and pursued for early resolution.