

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6111
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2005
RAILWAY PROJECTS WITH FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the on-going Railway projects for which foreign assistance is being received alongwith the estimated cost of each project;
- (b) the funds received so far by the Union Government for each project and how much has been spent/utilised thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has paid any commitment charges against the foreign assistance; and
- (d) if so, the amount paid by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6111 BY SHRI JASHUBHAI DHANABHAI BARAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.05.2005 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS WITH FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

(a) & (b): The details of Railway projects for which foreign assistance is being received, their estimated cost, external aid received and utilized are as below:

(i) The Asian Development Bank has extended a loan to finance the Railway Sector Improvement Project with the objective of enhancing capacity of the rail network and improving operational efficiency/safety. The subprojects to be funded from the loan are principally in the Golden Quadrilateral and its Diagonals and Port Connectivity projects. The estimated cost of the Project is US\$ 579.2 million. The loan amount is US Dollar 313.6 million. The loan has not been drawn so far.

(ii) Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP), which has both road and rail components, is being partly funded by World Bank. The estimated cost of the rail component is Rs.3125 crore. A loan of US Dollar 463 million has been extended by International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and a credit of SDR 62.5 million has been extended by International Development Association (IDA). The IBRD loan and IDA credit earmarked for the rail component are US Dollar 305 million and about US Dollar 60 million respectively. An amount of Rs.177.72 crore and Rs. 252.63 crore has so far been utilized from the loan and credit respectively.

(iii) Project of Modernisation of Signalling between Ghaziabad and Kanpur is being partly funded by Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau (KfW), Germany. The estimated cost of the project is Rs.425 crore. The loan amount is DM 185 million (Euro 95 million). An amount of Rs.5.57 crore has been utilized so far from this loan.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. A total amount of Rs.23.19 crore has been paid by the Government as commitment charges.