

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:131
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2005
FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the total funds allocated to Southern Railway for various ongoing projects in the current financial year is inadequate for timely completion of these projects;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned for gauge conversion and new railway lines works and the funds required for completion of these projects as on date, project-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for timely completion of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 131 BY SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.12.2005 REGARDING FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a) to (c): An outlay of Rs. 407.75 crore has been provided in the current financial year 2005-06 for all the on-going projects in Southern Railway including projects under Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. The outlay for projects in particular State is done based on a transparent formula having weightage of 15% each for area and population of the State and 70% for throwforward of projects in the State. Project-wise allocation is based on progress of the project, its priority and overall availability of resources. For the projects targeted for completion during 2005-06, Southern Railway has projected some additional requirement of funds during budgetary reviews.

Project-wise details of outlay provided during 2005-06 and requirement of funds as against that including Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. projects, for new line and gauge conversion projects under Southern Railway is as under:-

S. No.	Name of the project	Outlay 2005-06 (Rs. in crore)	Outlay required for completion as on 01.4.2005 (Rs. in crore)
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NEW LINE

1.	Karur-Salem (85 Kms)	2	157.22
2.	Angamali-Sabarimala (146 Kms)	1	543.38
3.	Kottayam-Erumeli (43 Kms)	1	198.65
4.	Tanur (Kuttipuram)-Guruvayur (50.23 Kms)	1	129.55
	Total	5	1029

GAUGE CONVERSION

1.	Madurai-Rameshwaram (161 kms)	25	151.76
2.	Trichy-Manamadurai (150 kms)	50	141.97
3.	Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur & Tenkasi-Virudhunagar (357 kms)	31	316.93
4.	Tiruchchirappalli-Nagore-Karaikal (156 kms)	4.79	30.14
5.	Villupuram-Katpadi (161 kms)	10	222.87
6.	Thanjavur-Villupuram (192 kms)	50.01	121.66
7.	Cuddalore-Salem via Vridhachalam (191 km)	85	98.02
	Total	255.8	1083.35

(d): A number of initiatives have been taken to augment resources for expediting completion of the ongoing project. These include sharing by State Governments, Public/Private Partnership, funding from Ministry of Defence, additional resources for National Projects and non-budgetary initiatives for National Rail Vikas Yojana. Remote Area Rail Sampark Yojana has also been announced in 2004-05 which envisages investment of about Rs. 20,000 crore in the next five years. However, the funds for the Yojana are yet to be tied up. With these efforts, it may be feasible to expedite the progress of ongoing projects.