

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4221
ANSWERED ON:18.05.2006
EXPENDITURE ON RAILWAY PROJECTS
Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railway have made any assessment regarding the expenditure to be incurred on the on-going and pending railway projects;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the cost escalation therefor; and
- (c) the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken for timely completion of projects in order to avoid cost-and- time overrun?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4221 BY PROF. MAHADEORAO SHIWANKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.05.2006 REGARDING EXPENDITURE ON RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a) &(b) : Yes, Sir. As on 1.4.2006 the throwforward of ongoing projects under the Planheads New Line, Gauge Conversion, Doubling, Railway Electrification and Metropolitan projects is about Rs.53946 crores. Ongoing railway projects undergo cost escalation on account of various reasons like change in the standards In the absence of assured availability of matching funds at the time of taking up of a project, time and cost overrun is not feasible to be evaluated.

(c) : A number of initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources to expedite completion of the ongoing projects. These include funding through National Projects, Defence funding, Public Private Partnership, State sharing and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited. For the early completion of new line and gauge conversion projects taken up on socio-economic considerations, Remote Area Rail Samparak Yojana has been announced. With these initiatives, it is expected that the ongoing projects would get completed in a period of about 5 years.