

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1427
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RAIL LINE BETWEEN DELHI-KATRA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made so far on the construction of Delhi-Katra railway line;
- (b) the expenditure incurred on the project;
- (c) the time schedule for completion of the said project;
- (d) whether the construction work of the said route has been delayed;
- (e) if so, the percentage of cost over run assessed on the said route;
- (f) whether the Railways propose to run Shatabadi trains on this route; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Railway line already exists from Delhi to Udhampur. Work for new rail line between Udhampur-Katra (25 kms.) is in progress as part of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link national project. The expenditure on the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla project upto March, 2006 is Rs. 2986 crore and an outlay of Rs. 1700 crore has been allocated for the year 2006-07.

(c) to (e) : Udhampur-Katra is targeted for completion by March, 2007 but likely to get delayed due to geo-technical problem being faced in one of the tunnels. The cost over run on this account has not been assessed.

(f): No, Sir.

(g): Does not arise.