

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REMOTE AREA RAIL SAMPARK YOJANA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are facing a major challenge to arrange funds for about 60 projects sanctioned on socio-economic considerations under the Remote Area Rail Sampark Yojana Scheme, envisaging an investment of about Rs. 20,000 crore;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways to provide sufficient funds to these schemes which are lying pending due to lack of funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIR. VELU)

(a) & (b): Remote Area Rail Sampark Yojana was announced in 2004-05 to expedite on going New Lines and Gauge Conversion projects taken up primarily on socio-economic considerations. The scheme required an investment of about Rs. 20,000 Crore in a period of 5 years. However, funding could not be tied up and scheme had not taken off.

(c): In order to expedite these projects, a number of initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources through Public Private Partnership, Cost Sharing by State Governments, Funding from Ministry of Defence and through Ministry of Finance for National Projects. Funds have also been allocated through internal resources generation to expedite completion.