

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR ONGOING PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the new railway projects in Maharashtra and the surveys conducted in that regard alongwith the progress made in these projects;
- (b) the funds allocated for these projects so far and the amount spent;
- (c) whether the State Government has requested for a special package from the Union Government to complete these projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Five new line projects have been taken up in Maharashtra for which an outlay of Rs.43 crore has been provided during 2007-08 and anticipated expenditure upto March, 2007 is Rs.392.17 crore. The works are being progressed as per availability of resources.

34 surveys for new railway lines in Maharashtra have been completed so far.

(c)& (d): As a special case, Ministry of Railways has agreed to process Wardha-Nanded via Yavatmal new line with 40% cost sharing by State Government of Maharashtra. However, Government of Maharashtra has consented for meeting the cost of earthwork and ballast through State Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS) for Wardha-Nanded via Yavatmal-Pusad new railway line project. Since the offer of State Government is much less than 40% for sharing the cost, they were again asked to share at least 40% cost of the proposed line but the State Government have not consented to share 40% cost of the proposed line.