

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5287
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2014
ROWGHAT RAILWAY LINE PROJECT
Sahu Shri Tamradhwaj

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Dallirajahara-Rowghat-Jagdalpur new line project;
- (b) the details of funds allocated/spent thereon;
- (c) the reasons for inordinate delay in completion of the said project; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to expedite the completion of the said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5287 ASKED BY SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.08.2014 REGARDING ROWGHAT RAILWAY LINE PROJECT.

(a) to (c): Dallirajahara-Rowhat-Jagdalpur (235 km) New Line has been sanctioned at an anticipated cost of Rs. 1105 crores. An expenditure of Rs. 312 crores has been incurred upto 31.03.2014 and an outlay of Rs. 21 crores has been provided during 2014-15.

In Phase-I, viz., Dallirajahara-Rowghat (95 km) section, 614 hectares out of 700 hectares land has been acquired. Contracts had been awarded in 2009 and 2011 for the entire section, but the same had to be terminated/short-closed except for Dallirajahara-Dondi (17 km) section due to Naxalite attacks, frequent stopping of work by the project affected people, delay in forestry clearances/tree cutting by Forest Department of State Government/Ministry of Environment & Forests, etc. Earthwork, bridges and ballast supply works have been taken up in Dallirajahara- Dondi (17 km) section.

In Phase-II, i.e. Rowghat-Jagdalpur (140 km), Final Location Survey has been completed and Detailed Estimate prepared.

(d): Regular meetings have been held with Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Environment and Forests and Government of Chhatisgarh for providing security at the project sites and faster forestry clearances.