

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Need for early completion of Angamaly Sabari Railway line Project in Kerala.

ADV. JOICE GEORGE (IDUKKI): Though the Angamaly Sabari Railway Project has been sanctioned and work commenced 19 years ago, the railway could complete only 5 kilometers of railway line out of 116 kilometers length. After settling the dispute on cost sharing, the Government of Kerala and Railway entered into an agreement and a joint venture company had been incorporated. In the current year's budget, Rs. 213.59 crore is allocated for the project. Hon'ble Prime Minister included the project in PRAGATI. During the 16th PRAGATI interaction on 16th October 2016, the Hon'ble Prime Minister agreed to complete the project with full Central Government fund. The Hon'ble Railway Minister also agreed for the same during the discussion with the Chief Minister of Kerala. The railway has not approved the revised estimate and is not taking steps to start the work due to the ambiguity in cost sharing. Hence, the intervention of the Government is requested.

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