

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1439
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2018**

COST ESCALATION

**1439. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:
SHRI P. K. KUNHALIKUTTY:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:
SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 216 Indian railway projects face cost overrun by 150 per cent;**
- (b) if so, the details of time and cost overruns of railway projects, zone-wise;**
- (c) whether any mechanism has been put in place in the Railways for regular monitoring at various levels to avoid cost and time overruns;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and its impact thereon; and**
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to expedite execution of railway projects?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e) : At present, 503 Railway projects including 183 New Lines, 57 Gauge Conversion and 263 Doubling Projects are in

different stages of execution. The completion of Railway projects requires clearances from various departments of State Government and Central Ministries like acquisition of land, statutory clearances etc. leading to time overrun and cost overrun. However, Railway is holding regular meetings with State Government and concerned Central Government officials on various issues for timely completion of the projects

For important projects, capacity enhancement projects, last mile connectivity etc, institutional financing has been done by arranging loan from M/s Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited for ₹ 1.5 lakh crore, which has increased Railways' capacity for committed fund provision for essential projects.
