

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.595
ANSWERED ON 05.02.2021

RATLAM-DUNGARPUR VIA BANSWARA NEW RAIL LINE PROJECT

595. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government intends to complete the “Ratlam-Dungarpur via Banswara new rail line project” in Rajasthan through its own resources in a time-bound manner;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken note of the increase in the cost of the proposed project and land acquisition; and
- (d) if so, the actions that were taken or intended to fast track the execution of the above project at the financial resources of the Railway itself, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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.595 ASKED BY SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 05.02.2021 REGARDING RATLAM-DUNGARPUR VIA BANSWARA NEW RAIL LINE PROJECT

(a) to (d): Ratlam-Dungarpur via Banswara (188.85 Km) new line project was sanctioned in 2011-12 with the proviso to share 50% of the final construction cost of the project and providing land free of cost by the State Government of Rajasthan. The abstract cost of the project was ₹2082.75 crore.

The total requirement of land for the project is 1736 Hectares, out of which, Government of Rajasthan has handed over only 646 Hectares land to Railway. Government of Rajasthan has deposited only ₹200 crore as part of construction cost of the project. An expenditure of ₹184.21 crore has already been incurred till 31.03.2019.

Government of Rajasthan, later declined to share 50% revised cost of the project and has requested that entire construction cost of project should be borne by the Railways.

Since Government of Rajasthan have neither provided the total land required for this project nor deposited their share of cost to Railways, hence progress could not be made in the project.

Later, Government of Rajasthan and Ministry of Railways agreed to explore the possibility of undertaking this project on Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) route. For this purpose, Bankability Study has been carried out by Ministry of Railways. The Rate of Return is very low. Government of Rajasthan has been requested to consider implementing the project on SPV/Joint Venture route and making it viable by providing land free of cost to SPV/JV route. Response of Government of Rajasthan is awaited.
