

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2704**  
**ANSWERED ON 25.03.2022**

**BROAD GAUGE WORKS IN GOA**

2704. SHRI LUIZINHO JOAQUIM FALEIRO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of broad gauge work on Hosapete to Mormugao railway line;
- (b) the status of land acquisition from Mormugao to Chandor Goa, village-wise;
- (c) what is done/proposed to be done about serious objections raised by people who live close to tracks and whose property/houses will be within touching distance of double track in Goa;
- (d) the number of trees cut and proposed to be cut in the Mollem Wildlife Sanctuary to make way for doubling of tracks on the Goa side; and
- (e) whether Government allows cutting of these trees, despite it being against various forest and environment acts and laws?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2704 BY SHRI LUIZINHO JOAQUIM FALEIRO ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 25.03.2022 REGARDING BROAD GAUGE WORKS IN GOA**

(a): Hospet-Mormugao Broad Gauge line has been commissioned during 1996-97. At present, doubling between Hospet and Vasco has been taken up as part of Hospet-Hubli-Londa-Vasco-Da-Gama (363 Km) doubling project. Sanctioned cost of project is ₹3,060 crore. Doubling of 288 Km length has been commissioned and work in sections Tinaighat-Castlerock-Kulem-Sanvordem and Majorda-Vasco (74 Km) has been taken up. An expenditure of ₹ 2,656 crore has been incurred in this project.

(b): Land acquisition of total 12.32 Ha private land in 21 villages between Kulem-Vasco in Goa has been taken up, out of which 4.73 ha land has been acquired and handed over by Government of Goa. The acquisition of remaining 7.59 ha private land is in progress.

(c): 79 Km length of the project is falling in the state of Goa. Out of which only, 4.9 Km of track at locations Km 92/900-93/200, 94/900-97/500, 99/0-500, 103/100 104/100 & 106/0-700 falling in three block sections between Majorda-Cansaulim-Sankval-Vasco (17 Km) is passing through habitated area. The Meter Gauge single line track in this stretch was laid during 1905 and so far, there has not been any report of any damage on buildings adjacent to Railway track due to vibrations. However, as a measure of abundant precaution, it has been planned to carry out study of impact of noise and vibration due to proposed doubling in the above stretches.

(d) and (e): 18541 No. of trees have been identified for felling for laying of proposed doubling track in Mollem Wild Life Sanctuary. Tree cutting permission has been taken up with forest department with provision of compensatory afforestation.

Doubling work is being carried out duly obtaining various statutory approvals from competent authorities. The statutory clearance as per Forest Conservation Act 1980 has already been obtained after detailed deliberations at the level of Goa state Board of Wild Life, National Board of Wild Life and Regional Empowered Committee. Railways have already deposited an amount of ₹170.25 crore towards cost of forest land under diversion and towards compensatory afforestation in accordance with Forest Conservation Act. Permission for cutting of trees is still awaited from Forest Department. There is no violation of act or law in this doubling work.

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