

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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STATUS OF SEVOKE TO RANGPO RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY

120 SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the stipulated date of completion of project on Sevoke to Rangpo Railway connectivity;
- (b) whether the project is delayed, if so, the reasons for the delay; and
- (c) whether there is any cost-overflow in the ongoing construction, if so, the amount of cost-overflow?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): The Sivok-Rangpo project (44 km) is one of the most difficult new railway line projects as the terrain passes through young Himalayas, which are full of geological surprises and numerous problems. This section predominantly involves tunneling of 39 Km length out of total 44 Km length. By now, 34 km of tunneling has been completed.

Completion of Railway project depends on various factors like land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project.
