

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2680
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2021

TIME OVERRUN IN VARIOUS PROJECTS

2680. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of various projects showing time overrun across the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the various reasons for delay in completion of these projects;
- (c) the steps/measures taken by Government to avoid delay;
- (d) whether it is a fact that delay in completion of these projects will also result in escalation of construction cost; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]

(a) As on 01.02.2021, out of 1739 central sector projects, 539 projects are having time overrun in respect of original schedule of the projects. The state wise break-up of the number of central sector projects having time overrun including the State of Andhra Pradesh is annexed.

(b) The reasons for delay are project specific, depend on variety of technical, financial and administrative factors, and differ from project to project. However delay in land acquisition and forest clearance has been one of the important reasons for delay in the completion of the projects as reported by the project implementing agencies.

(c) Regular review and monitoring of Central Sector Infrastructure Projects are being done by both the Central and State Government at different levels, including monitoring of projects at the highest level during monthly PRAGATI meetings, to avoid delay and ensure timely completion of the projects. Further details of review and monitoring of Central Sector Infrastructure Projects are given in the part (e) of the reply of the question.

(d) The delay in completion or time overrun in respect of original schedule of the Central Sector Infrastructure Projects is one of the important reasons for escalation of construction cost.

(e) The major steps undertaken by the Government to ensure successful completion of Central Sector Infrastructure Projects without time and cost overruns are: periodic review of projects under PRAGATI through video conferencing; rigorous project appraisal; Online Computerized Monitoring System (OCMS) for better monitoring; setting up of Revised Cost Committees in the Ministries for fixation of responsibility for time and cost overruns; regular review of infrastructure projects by the concerned administrative Ministries; and setting up of Central Sector Projects Coordination Committees (CSPCCs) in the States under the Chief Secretaries for removal of bottlenecks and for facilitating the speedy implementation of major projects.

Annexure in respect of reply of part (a) of the question 2680

State wise number of Central Sector Infrastructure Projects including of Andhra Pradesh with time overrun in respect of original schedule (As on 01-02-2021)	
State	No. of Projects
ANDHRA PRADESH	25
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	8
ASSAM	14
BIHAR	24
GUJARAT	14
HARYANA	13
HIMACHAL PRADESH	3
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	2
KARNATAKA	15
KERALA	8
MADHYA PRADESH	41
MAHARASHTRA	39
MANIPUR	2
MEGHALAYA	2
MIZORAM	11
NAGALAND	14
ODISHA	34
PUNJAB	10
RAJASTHAN	12
SIKKIM	1
TAMIL NADU	27
TRIPURA	4
UTTAR PRADESH	39
WEST BENGAL	28
A & N ISLANDS	1
DELHI	17
PONDICHERRY	1
CHHATISGARH	21
JHARKHAND	20
UTTARAKHAND	5
TELANGANA	15
MULTI STATE	69
TOTAL	539
