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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3983
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3.5.2007

LAYING OF WATER PIPELINES ACROSS THE RAILWAY TRACKS

3983. SHRI P. S. GADHAVI :
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is necessary for the States to get permission from the Railway authorities for laying water pipelines across the railway track;

(b) if so, whether the delay in permission causes the delay in implementation of the pipelines projects;

(c) the number of such proposals received from the various States that are pending with the Railways for the last three years particularly from Gujarat; and

(d) the time by which such permissions are likely to be granted?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railways try their best to give permission expeditiously. However, the permission can be given only if the proposal is complete, feasible & does not affect safety of trains, and only after the concerned State Govt. has deposited the required fees and met all other requirements. Nevertheless, time is required by railways to process such cases and assess the feasibility & merits of the case etc. The delay is usually on part of the State Govts. Usually their application is not complete in all respects and prescribed fees is not deposited promptly.

(c) A total of 249 such proposals are pending over Indian Railways. State-wise data is not maintained.

(d) permissions will be granted expeditiously by railways, subject to prescribed rules, provided there is no delay on part of State Govts.