

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1199
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SURVEY WORK FOR NEW RAIL LINES IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the survey of Bikaner-Kolayat-Pokran-Barmer and Jaisalmer-Kandla new rail lines were sanctioned during 1997-98 and 1998-99 respectively;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have taken note of very slow pace of survey work on these new lines which is a cause of concern;
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to get the survey work on these lines completed early; and
- (d) the time by which the survey work is likely to be completed and construction work will be started on these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (d): The survey for Kolayat - Phalodi - Pokran - Barmer rail link was sanctioned in 1997-98 and has since been completed. The work of construction of rail line between Kolayat to Phalodi has been included in the Railway Budget 2002-2003. The survey for Jaisalmer - Kandla was included in the budget of 1999-2000. This survey is in progress and is being expedited to complete during 2002-2003. Further consideration of this project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.