

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3833  
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2001  
SURVEY FOR CHHATTISGARH-BILASPUR-MANDLA RAIL LINE  
PUNNULAL MOHALE

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the time by when the approval was accorded for survey for laying Chhattisgarh-Bilaspur-Mandia (Jabalpur) a new railway line;
- (b) the reasons for extending the time limit for starting the construction work on this line even after the completion of the survey; and
- (c) the present status of the project?

**Answer**

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

(a): A Preliminary Engg.-cum- Traffic Survey for laying a new railway line between Bilaspur and Jabalpur via Mandla (372 Kms.) was included in the Railway Budget 1998-99.

(b) & (c): The survey is in progress and is likely to be completed by 31.03.2003. Further consideration of the project will be possible once the survey report becomes available.