

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6618
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RESTORATION OF BRANCH RAILWAY LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government's injudicious restoration of the Branch Railway line between New Mal Bazar to Changrabandha via Domohoni on the NF Railway caused an avoidable loss of Rs. 26.00 crores to the Railways, during 2000-01;
- (b) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has adversely commented upon the lapse in his report for the year ending March 2001; and
- (c) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Restoration was carried out to fulfil an International commitment to SAARC. Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in his report for 2002 received recently has commented on this work. Response to this CAG report is under consideration.