

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY FOR RAIL LINES IN TAMILNADU
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Railway lines in Tamil Nadu in respect. of which survey was conducted for reopening/upgradation during Ninth Five Year Plan but could not be taken up for various reasons;
- (b) whether public representatives of Tamil Nadu have requested the Government to conduct fresh survey in respect of those lines;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the response of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): No Railway line has been closed in the recent past in Tamil Nadu, as such, no survey for re-opening of Railway line is required. However, survey for gauge conversion of Bodinayakanur-Madurai, Virudunagar-Manam:Madurai and Dindigul-Pollachi-Palghat were conducted during 9th plan but works have not been taken UA.

(b) to (d): There have been demands for taking up gauge conversion of these lines. However, no demand is pending for conducting fresh survey.