

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1989  
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DOUBLING OF MUMBAI-CHENNAI RAIL LINE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the government have cleared the proposal for doubling of railway track between Mumbai and Chennai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds earmarked for the purpose; and
- (d) the time by which the doubling work is likely to be completed ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d): Double BG line is available on Mumbai-Daund, Gulbarga-Narayanpet Road/Krishna, Chennai-Renigunta-Balapalle Mancherla-Guntakal-Gooty-Royal Cherutu and in patches for Yermaras-Matmari, Kosi-Kupgal, Kondapuram-Muddanuru and Cuddapah-Bankarpetta sections.

Work on doubling of the Daund-Bhigwan section is in progress. An amount of Rs.5.00 cr. is provided in the budget 2000-2001 and this work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

Doubling of Balapalle-Pullampet (Phase-I) of Gooty-Renigunata section has also been included in the budget 2000-2001. An amount of Rs.1.00 cr. is provided for this work. This work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

A survey for doubling of Bhigwan-Gulbarga section is in progress. Further consideration for doubling of the section would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

Doubling of rest of the sections on Mumbai-Chennai route will be considered in the coming years as per the availability of resources.