

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2183
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2004
RAIL LINE BETWEEN DELHI AND BHIWADI
Singh Shri Dushyant

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the important urban areas in the National Capital Region (NCR) which have not been brought under the Railway map so far ;
- (b) whether the Government has a proposal to connect those township by rail line ; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken to construct a railway line between Delhi and Bhiwadi ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2183 BY SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.7.2004 REGARDING RAIL LINE BETWEEN DELHI AND BHIWADI.

(a) Meerut to Panipat and from Khurja to Rohtak via Palwal, Bhiwadi & Rewari are yet to be connected by rail link.

(b) No, Sir. As per the survey report conducted in 1995, the estimated cost for Khurja – Palwal – Rewari-Rohtak rail link (212.6 kms) was Rs.365 crore and Rate of Return was less than 2%. Another survey was conducted in August 1997, for construction of a new railway line between Rewari and Rohtak via Jhajjar. Rewari-Bhiwadi Rail Link also formed a part of this route. The survey report revealed that the cost of 81 km long railway line would be approx. Rs.110 crore and the project is not financially viable as the Rate of Return is negative.

(c) Rail link between Delhi and Rewari already exists. However, construction of rail link between Rewari-Bhiwadi was proposed to be undertaken under Public Partnership scheme where the Government of Rajasthan was to take initiative and seek co-operation from the Government of Haryana regarding availability of land etc. in Haryana State. However no response has been received either from Project Development Corporation of Rajasthan (PDCOR) or Govt. of Haryana. M/s RITES in their report has indicated that the project is not commercially viable due to negative Rate of Return.