

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NEW RAIL LINE AT VALLARPADAM INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINAL

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for laying a new rail line to the proposed Vallarpadam International Container Terminal at Kochi has been finalized;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The study conducted by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for new line from Idapally to Valarpadam (8.5 Km) has revealed that the cost of construction of the line would be about Rs.102 crore. The line will be financially unviable and non-bankable. However, the project can be executed entirely by private participation if the line is considered a necessary infrastructure by Cochin Port Trust Authority for which they have been advised.