

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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EXTENSION OF BARASAT-HASNABAD SECTION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal for extension of Barasat-Hasnabad section upto Birnagar to facilitate the people of Sundarbans;
- (b) if so, the details and reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government is actively considering for doubling and electrifying of Barasat- Hasnabad rail line under Eastern Railway;
- (d) if so, the details of the project and also cost involved therein; and
- (e) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir. No such proposal has been received.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) to (e) : Barasat-Hasnabad electrification work has already been completed and commissioned.

The doubling with electrification of Barasat-Hasnabad (Phase-I) that is, Barasat-Sondalia section is an approved work at an anticipated cost of Rs.23.65 crore. Earthwork, blanketing and bridgeworks are in progress, which would be progressed and completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.