

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1263
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SURVEY OF THIRD TRACK BETWEEN AHMEDABAD AND MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted for laying third track between Ahmedabad and Mumbai to streamline the increasing traffic on this route;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the survey report;
- (c) whether the Government is likely to accord priority to this work in view of its urgency and importance; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIR. VELU)

(a) to (c): A survey for construction of 3rd line between Virar and Ahmedabad had been completed in 1998. As per the survey, the cost of construction of an additional track between Virar and Ahmedabad had been assessed as Rs. 1665.12 crore with a rate of return of 11.48%.

It has been decided to augment the line capacity of the existing route by adopting automatic signalling and other traffic facility works which would take care of smooth running of trains through this section.

The work of 3rd line from Surat to Kosamba has also been sanctioned. Further, an updating survey for 3rd line from Virar to Ahmedabad has been included in the Budget 2004-05.

(d): Does not arise.