

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:316
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EXPANSION OF INDIAN RAILWAYS OPERATION TO SRI LANKA
Rawale Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railways propose to expand its operation to Sri Lanka ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure likely to be spent on this joint venture ;
- (c) whether the Railways also propose to explore the possibility of extending its network to other SAARC countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Surveys have been taken up for providing rail connectivity in five locations each in border areas of Nepal and Bhutan. Ministry of External Affairs through RITES had carried out a feasibility study for India-Myanmar Rail Link.