

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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NEW RAILWAY LINE IN CHHATTISGARH AND JHARKHAND  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways propose to connect Barwadih in Jharkhand to Chirmiri in Chhattisgarh by rail;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Between Chirmiri and Barwadih, Chirmiri-Bishrampur (129 Kms) section is in operation since 1962 and Bishrampur-Ambikapur (19.80 Kms) new line has been completed and commissioned on 03.06.2006.

A survey for construction of a new line between Ambikapur and Barwadih (182.20 Kms) was completed during 2003-04. As per the survey report, the cost of construction of this 182.20- km-long new line was assessed as Rs. 406.86 crore with a rate of return of merely 4.85%. The survey report was examined and the project was found to be financially unviable with no operational advantage.

In view of the non-remunerative nature of the project, heavy throw-forward of ongoing projects and acute constraint of resources, it has not been considered feasible to take up construction of Ambikapur-Barwadih new line segment.