

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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NEW RAIL LINE IN PUNJAB AND J & K  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of proposals under consideration of the Government for laying of new railway line in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) whether the Government has started work on new rail line between Jalandhar and Jammu;
- (c) if so, the present status of the same;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to start work on these railway lines ?

**Answer**

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

(a) : At present, no such proposal is under consideration.

(b) to (e) : Rail link between Jalandhar and Jammu Tawi already exists. The work of doubling between Jalandhar-Jammu Tawi has also been taken up. The work is in progress and three sections viz. Suchipind-Bhogpur Sirwal (26 kms), Mukerian-Mirthal (18 kms) and Bharoli-Madhampur Punjab (13 kms) are targeted for completion during 2004-05. The whole project is targeted for completion during 2007-08.