

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1178  
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MANUAL PAPER LINE CLEARANCE SYSTEM  
Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the outdated Manual Paper-line Clearance System is still existing and being used on many routes by the Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken/to be taken in this regard ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): No, Sir. The paper Line Clear System is not being used as a normal system of working trains on Indian Railways except on three short narrow gauge sections viz. Katwa-Ahmedpur and Katwa-Bardhaman of Eastern Railway and Pandharpur-Miraj section of Central Railway. Miraj-Pandharpur is a sanctioned work for gauge conversion with provision of Block Instrument instead of existing Paper Line Clear System. Survey work for gauge conversion of Katwa-Ahmedpur and Katwa- Bardhaman has also been sanctioned during the year 2004- 2005.

The system of Paper Line Clear, however, has to be resorted to in exceptional circumstances in the event of failure of Block Instruments. Detailed procedure listing precautions to be observed has been laid down in such situations to ensure safety of train operation.