

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3625  
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LAYING OF NEW TRACKS  
Tanwar Shri Ashok

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

- (a) whether the Railways propose laying of new tracks to connect highest grain producing areas in the country particularly North India;
- (b) whether feeder rail links under Delhi-Mumbai Infrastructure project is aiming to connect `Sirsa` district of Haryana in view of its huge output in agriculture produce;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a): No, Madam. There is no such policy to lay new tracks to connect highest grain producing areas of North India. Railway network exists in the high grain producing North Indian States of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) to (d): Sirsa is on the identified feeder route of Hissar-Bhatinda- Suratgarh of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor. A decision has been taken to upgrade the feeder route for carrying 25 tonne axle load.