

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY NETWORK IN MADHYA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the rail network is scant in Madhya Pradesh in comparison to other States;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard on the basis of the survey for 100 square miles; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. According to the latest available data as on 31.3.1999, the State of Madhya Pradesh ranks second in railway route kilometres (first being Uttar Pradesh) amongst all other States. Out of a total route kilometres of 62,809 for all Indian Railways, the share of Madhya Pradesh is 5,922 kms.(9.43%). Moreover, the route kilometres serving Madhya Pradesh per lakh of population is 8.94 vis-À-vis 7.42 on all India basis.

(c) In order to further strengthen the rail infrastructure in the State, construction of new lines from Lalitpur-Satna- Rewa-Singrauli, Guna-Etawah, Bishrampur-Ambikapur, Godhra- Indore-Dewas-Maksi and Dallirajahara-Jagdalpur, Ramganjmandi- Bhopal have been sanctioned. Gauge conversion of Jabalpur- Gondia and Neemuch-Ratlam section have also been taken up.