

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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COMMERCIAL VIABILITY OF ELECTRIFIED RAIL ROUTES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Organisation for Railway Electrification (CORE) initiates and approves all projects for railway electrification;
- (b) if so, the project presently under consideration of the CORE for electrification;
- (c) whether CORE assess the commercial viability of such projects;
- (d) if not, the agency which assess the commercial viability and rate of returns on all the new electrification projects; and
- (e) the details of steps likely to be taken by railways to ensure that electrification projects are viable and not a burden on the railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Railway Electrification proposals are initiated by Central Organisation for Railway Electrification (CORE)/Zonal Railways/Railway Board keeping in view all the relevant factors including Traffic, Locomotives, Rates of Diesel/Electricity etc. and approved by the Ministry of Railways in consultation with the Planning Commission.

(b) Following Railway Electrification projects are under examination of the Ministry of Railways

- (i) Pune-Wadi-Guntakal } Proposed by Central Organisation
- (ii) Bina-Kota } for Railway Electrification
- (iii) Itarsi-Allahabad }
- (iv) Zafarabad-Moradabad }

(v) Indore-Ujjain] Proposed by Western Railway

(c) to (e) The cost benefit evaluation for investment made in electrification is carried out by the Ministry of Railways regularly every year in the form of line haul cost for each mode of traction. Only such electrification projects (except a few on operational considerations) that give a financial rate of return of minimum 14%, are taken up.