

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL LINK WITH NEPAL
SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are considering to provide a railway link from Raxaul to a dry port inside Nepal as reported in the Economic Times dated July 12, 2000;
- (b) if so, the total amount is likely to provide to Nepal in the form of non-refundable grants; and
- (c) the time by which new rail line between Raxaul to Nepal is likely to be completed?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) A Rail link is being provided between Raxaul (India) and Birgunj (Nepal).
- (b) Rs. 5.12 crores. This is being provided by Ministry of External Affairs.
- (c) The project is targetted to be completed during the current financial year.