

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LACK OF PROPER FACILITIES ON WARDHA-YEOTMAL-PUSAD-NANDED SECTOR

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been tremendous economic and industrial development in the Wardha-Yeotmal-Pusad-Nanded sector and the sector lack proper railway facilities;
- (b) whether the railways conducted a traffic survey for laying the broad gauge line on this sector;
- (c) whether some bridges were also constructed but the work of laying the lines is yet to be taken in hand despite the earthwork having already been done;
- (d) if so, the reasons for not taking up the work of laying a broad gauge railway lines on this important sector covering a distance of about 270 kms; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a)to (e): A survey for construction of a new broad gauge line from Wardha to Nanded via Yavatmal, Pusad and Umerkhed (260 km.) was completed in 2001. As per the survey report, the cost of construction of this 260 km long line was assessed as Rs. 459.76 crore with a rate of return of (-) 2.056%. Due to unremunerative nature of the project, heavy throwforward of ongoing works and constraints of resources, it was not found feasible to consider the proposal.