

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4818
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2001
CLOSING OF MAKARANA-PARBATSAR RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Makarana-Parbatsar meter gauge line in Nagaur district under Jodhpur Division of northern railway has been closed;
- (b) if so, reasons therefor; (
- (c) whether the Government propose to re-open this line for traffic;
- (d) if not, reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government propose to transfer the jurisdiction of this railway line to any other zone of Indian Railways;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (g) whether any inspection has been conducted by the Railways in this regard; (h) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (i) whether residential colonies would be demolished and agricultural land would be acquired consequent upon transfer of railway line; (j) if so, justification thereof;
- (k) whether the Government have received any representation requesting for investigation of the entire episode; and
- (l) if so, the response of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (L) . A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (l) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 4818 BY PROF. RASA S RAWAT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.04.2001 REGARDING CLOSING OF MAKRANA- P ARBA TSAR RAIL LINE.

(a)&(b) : Makrana-Parbatsar meter gauge line was converted into broad gauge in the year 1995-96 and Commissioner for Railway Safety's inspection carried out in April, 1996. However, as in the meantime miners had done mining of marble in the first block section of Makrana-Bidiyad very close to the railway line, this line could not be made operative. After intervention of Hon'ble High court/Jodhpur, Ministry of Railways and State Government of Rajasthan that the alignment in affected portion would be shifted to make the line operative decided it jointly. Even after demarcation of alternative alignment, the State Government has not yet made the land available.

(c) : Yes, Sir.

(d) : Does not arise.

(e) : No, Sir.

(f) to(h): Do not arise.

(i) & (j) The new alignment parses through some built up area. State Government has to hand over land to the Railway free of all encumbrances.

(k) : No, Sir.

(l) : Does not arise.