

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2197
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COMPLETION OF GONDIA-BALLARSHA RAIL LINE
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction work of Gondia-Ballarsha railway line has been completed;
- (b) if so, the expenditure incurred thereon;
- (c) whether any train has been introduced on above new line;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government propose to extend this line upto Chandrapur as per previous plan;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Rs. 237 crore.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (c) 2 pairs of daily Passenger trains, viz., 3GC/4GC Chanda Fort-Gondia-Chanda Fort and 1GNB/2GNB Ballarshah-Gondia-Ballarshah Passengers are running at present.
- (e) to (g) There was no proposal to extend this line upto Chandrapur because extension of this line upto Chandrapur is neither technically nor operationally feasible due to adverse site conditions and highly-built up surroundings. The New B.G. Chanda Fort station with all the requisite facilities is most ideally located to cater to the requirements of the people of Chandrapur City area. With the municipal limits of the city now being extended, the new Chanda Fort station shall come practically at the centre of the extended city area.