

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5150
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SURVEY FOR EXTENSION OF RAILWAY LINE UPTO UMURI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey had been conducted for extension of narrow gauge railway line from Raipur to Umuri (Orissa) via Likma (M.P.);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to convert above line into broad gauge; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): A survey conducted for the Conversion of the existing Raipur-Dhamtari Narrow Gauge line into Broad Gauge had revealed the cost of the project as Rs. 68.77 crore at 1997-98 prices with a negative Rate of Return (ROR). In view of the unremunerative nature of the line as well as acute resource constraints, it has not been found possible to consider taking up this Conversion work for the present.