

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATION OF CHAPANER-PANI RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that Chapaner-Pani mines narrow gauge rail line near Shivrajpur in Gujarat is almost lying unused for the last ten years;
- (b) if so, the reasons for its closure; and
- (c) the time by which the Government propose to make the said line operational?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Chapaner-Pani Mines narrow gauge rail line near Shivrajpur in Gujarat was one of the uneconomic branch lines of Western Railway. The Railway was incurring heavy losses on the operation/ maintenance of this line. In view of this, the Railway Reforms Committee had interalia recommended closure of this line. In view of the foregoing and availability of parallel roads and road services, Railway closed this line permanently w.e.f. 26.09.97. There is no proposal for restoration of this already closed line.