

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4061
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2000
UNPROFITABLE RAIL LINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have conducted any survey to find out unprofitable railway lines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether railways are going to discontinue its services on these routes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) its affect on the development of the areas?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No survey is conducted. However, a review of financial results is undertaken every year to identify the Uneconomic Branch Lines run by the Indian Railways. There were 114 Uneconomic Branch Lines and 11 New Lines, which incurred an aggregate loss of Rs.377.17 crores during 1998-99.

(c) to (e) Based on the recommendations of various Committees, which have studied this problem, the Railways take action to close such lines. Since 1985 till the last financial year, 21 such lines have been closed. Zone-wise details are given in the Appendix. These lines are closed after taking into account all relevant factors including availability of alternative roads and road transport services. Concurrence of the State Government is also obtained before a decision is taken to close down the Uneconomic lines and rail services thereof.

Appendix

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4061 ASKED BY SHRI MANSINH PATEL AND SHRMANSUKHBHAI D. VSAVA. FOR ANSWER IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2000 REGARDING UNPROFITABLE RAIL LINES.

NAMES OF UNECONOMIC BRANCH LINES PERMANENTLY CLOSED

S.No. NAMES

1. Sahebpur-Kamal-Monghyr Ghat
2. Dudwa-Gauri Phanta
3. Dudwa- Chandan Chowki
4. Senchoa-Silghat
5. Haibargaon-Mairabari
6. Nidamgalam-Mannargudi
7. Morvi-Tankara
8. Hadmatiya-Jodiya
9. Khambaliya-Salaya
10. Than-Chotila

11. Ningala-Godhadha Swaminarayan
12. Bhavnagar-Mahuva
13. Shapur-Sardiya
14. Piplod-Devgadh Bariya
15. Kunkavav-Bagasara
16. Botad-Jasdan
17. Chasma- Harij
18. Morvi-Ghantila
19. Jorawarnagar-Sayala
20. Champaner-Pani Mines
21. Godhr-Lunawada