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CLOSING OF RAILWAY LINES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of Railway lines have been closed in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such railway lines closed after independence along with the reasons therefor, zone-wise; and
- (c) the plan drawn up by the Government to re-start these railway lines ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): There are a large number of uneconomic branch lines on the Railways on which considerable losses in operation and maintenance are being incurred. Based on the recommendations of various Committees, which had studied this problem, the Railways took action to close some of such lines. So far, 21 such lines have been closed. Zone-wise details are given in the Appendix.

As these lines have been closed on grounds of being uneconomic and after taking into account all relevant factors, there is no plan to re-start services on them.