

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3994
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2000
DOUBLING OF RAIL LINES
BRAJ MOHAN RAM

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the standard norms fixed for doubling and electrification of a rail route;
- (b) whether several thermal power plants, Birla Aluminum factory at Renukut and several other cement plants are on this route;
- (c) if so, whether the raw material of these factories/plants and their products are being transported through this route; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for not doubling/electrifying this route?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3994 BY SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2000 REGARDING DOUBLING OF RAIL LINES.

(a) Doubling of single line sections is taken up when their carrying capacity is saturated, with freight intensive sections being given priority. As far as electrification of a rail route is concerned, normally only such electrification projects (except a few on operational considerations) that give a financial rate of return of 14%, are considered.

(b) Birla Aluminium Factory is located at Renukut on Garwa Road-Choparsectin. No other cement/thermal power plants are located on this route.

(c) A major portion of total raw materials and other products meant for Birla Aluminium Factory are being transported by this route. A part of their outward product is also being transported through this route.

(d) The traffic on Garwa Road-Chopan sectin has not yet reached thelevel to justify its doubling. Doubling of the section will be considered once the traffic warrants the same, subject to availability of resources. There is at present no proposal to electrify the section due to constraint of resources and relative priorities for electrification of other high density routes.