

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1901  
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SURVEY FOR MANMAD-DHULE RAIL LINE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the survey for Manmad-Dhule-Indore railway line had been completed;
- (b) if so, the time by which the construction of above line is likely to be started; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard and the time by which the survey work is likely to be completed ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): A survey for construction of a new BG line from Manmad-Dhule-Nardana-Shirpur was conducted in 1997-98. It was revealed that the cost of the 159.88 km long line would be Rs.248.5 crores with negative rate of return. In view of the grossly unremunerative nature of the line and acute constraint of resources, it has not been possible to consider taking up construction of this line at present.

A survey for construction of a new line from Shirpur to Mhow is in progress. Further consideration of the project would be possible, once the survey report becomes available. A metre gauge line already exists between Mhow and Indore.