

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:110  
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POLICY REGARDING LAYING AND EXTENSION OF RAILWAY LINES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the government have any policy regarding laying of new rail lines and extension of rail lines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and (
- (c). If not, the criteria adopted for this purpose ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c). The policy for taking up New Line projects was enunciated by the National Transport Policy Committee in 1980. This policy states that New Lines would be taken up on the following criteria:

- (1) Project oriented lines to serve new industries for tapping mineral and other resources.
- (2) Missing links for completing alternative routes to relieve congestion on existing saturated routes.
- (3) Lines required for strategic reasons; and
- (4) Lines for establishment of new growth centres or giving access to remote areas.

The Railways have adopted the above policy.