

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5976
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DOUBLING OF TRIVANDRUM-CAPE COMERIN RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Trivandrum-Cape Comerin broad gauge line has not been doubled and electrified so far; and

(b) if so, the time by which the Trivandrum-Cape Comerin broad gauge line is likely to be doubled and electrified?

Answer

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

(a):Yes, Sir. Doubling of single line section is taken up when their carrying capacity is saturated, freight intensive sections being given priority. Traffic on Trivandrum-Cape Comerin section has not yet reached this level to justify doubling. Doubling will be considered once the traffic warrants the same subject to availability of resources.

(b): Due to constraint of resources and relative priority for other high density routes, there is at present no proposal to electrify Trivandrum-Cape Comerin broad gauge line.