

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:416
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UNPROFITABLE RAIL ROUTES
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY;LAXMAN GILUWA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have recently conducted any survey to identify the non-profitable rail-routes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether rail services on these routes are going to be withdrawn;
- (d) if so, whether withdrawal of rail services on those routes is likely to have adverse impact on the development of those areas; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST
RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b) `No, Sir.` However, a review of financial results is undertaken every year to identify the Uneconomic Branch Lines run by the Indian Railways. There were 115 Uneconomic Branch Lines and 11 New Lines, which incurred an aggregate loss of Rs.511.91 crores during 2000-01.

(c) to (e) Based on the recommendations of various Committees, which have studied this problem, the Railways take action to close such lines. Since 1985 till 1999-2000, 21 such lines have been closed as per the details given in the Appendix. These lines are closed after taking into account all relevant factors including availability of alternative roads and road transport services. Concurrence of the State Government is also obtained before a decision is taken to close down the Uneconomic lines and rail services thereof.