

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1039  
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2001  
LAYING OF RAILWAY LINES IN RAJASTHAN  
PUSP JAIN

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria adopted for laying of new railway lines, doubling of railway lines, and gauge conversion of metre and narrow gauge railway lines;
- (b) whether the Union Government have any proposal regarding laying of new railway lines and extension of rail lines in Rajasthan during 2001-02; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1039 by Shri Pusp Jain to be answered on 01.3.2001 regarding laying of railway lines in Rajasthan

(a): The criteria adopted for taking up of new lines, gauge conversion and doubling projects is available in the White Paper on Railway Projects dated 28.7.1998 brought out by the Ministry of Railways. However, the same is mentioned as under:-

**NEW LINE**

- (i) Project oriented lines to serve new industries for tapping mineral and other resources.
- (ii) Missing links for completion of alternative routes to relieve congestion on existing saturated routes;
- (iii) Lines required for strategic reasons; and
- (iv) Lines for establishment of new growth centers or giving access to remote areas.

**GAUGE CONVERSION**

- (i) To take up conversion of lines to develop alternative BG routes obviating the need for Doubling existing BG lines on these routes.
- (ii) To establish new BG links between stations connected by other BG lines.
- (iii) To establish BG connection to ports, industrial centers and locations having potential for growth.
- (iv) To take up conversion of lines required on strategic considerations.
- (v) To minimize transshipment and to improve wagon turn around by avoiding delays at transshipment points.
- (vi) To carry out the conversion of lines as per the above policy at least cost yet providing a standard of service not lower than what the rail users were getting on the MG.

## DOUBLING

Doubling of single line sections/providing multiple lines on double line sections is taken up when their carrying capacity is saturated. Projects are selected during the Works Programme meetings based on the traffic needs and availability of resources.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. The proposal to extend gauge conversion of Ajmer-Chittaurgarh-Udaipur project to Umra has been included in the Budget 2001-02.