

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1684  
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NEW RAIL LINE IN MAHARASHTRA  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has agreed to bear 50 per cent of the total amount likely to be spent on laying the Wadsa-Armori-Gadchiroli new rail line;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has approved the said rail project;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the time by which the approval to the said project is likely to be accorded?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.

(d): A survey had been conducted for a new line from Wadsa to Gadchiroli during 2000-01, as per which the cost of this 49.5-km-long line was assessed as Rs. 76.85 crore with a rate of return of (-) 8.19%. Due to acute constraint of resources and heavy throw-forward of the ongoing projects, the proposal could not be considered.