

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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THALASSERY- MYSORE RAILWAY LINE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received any Memorandum from the members of Parliament demanding a new Thalassery-Mysore railway line under the Southern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Railways thereto?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): A survey for new line from Mysore to Tellicherry (Thalassery) was completed during 1997-98. For this proposed line, two alternatives passing through Coorg and Kanjikode & Waynad were also studied. The survey report had revealed that the route length of the proposed line via Coorg would be about 298 kms including 138 kms in Ghat section and would cost Rs. 864 crore while the alternative line via Waynad would be about 241 kms and would cost Rs. 754.28 crore. The Rate of Return (ROR) in both cases would be negative being (-) 3.66% via Coorg and (-) 3.43% via Waynad. In view of unremunerative nature of the line and acute resource constraint with the Railways, the proposal could not be considered.