

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3228
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RAIL CONNECTIVITY
Singh Shri Sugrib

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified the districts in various States which are not connected by Rail;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any proposal is under consideration for providing rail connectivity to such districts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, particularly to connect Phulbani district in Orissa.

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir. There is no such policy to connect various districts by rail.

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

(d): A survey for new line from Phulbani to Berhampur in the State of Orissa was conducted in 2002-03 as per which the cost of construction of this 160 kms long line was assessed as Rs.500.42 crore with rate of return of (-)1.56%. In view of unremunerative nature of the project, heavy throw-forward of ongoing projects and acute constraint of resources, the proposal could not be considered.