

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1522

ANSWERED ON:09.12.2004

RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT WORK IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Members of Parliament from Himachal Pradesh had requested for expansion of Kalka-Parwanoo broad gauge rail line from Baijnath to Bhanupalli via Chandigarh- Jagadhari-Pounta Sahib - Dehradoun, Mandi-Bilaspur, conversion of Pathankot Jogender Nagar Kangara valley rail line into broad gauge Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Rampur, Ghenouli- Pinjore rail line via Nalagarh-Baddi and Kumarhatti-Dehradoun rail line and allocation of fund for the development, expansion and improvement of railway and additional allocation of funds for the construction work on Una-Nangal-Talwara rail lines;

(b) if so, whether budget has been raised accordingly and construction work has been accelerated; and

(c) if so, the progress made in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1522 BY PROF. CHANDER KUMAR, SHRI SURESH KUMAR AND DR. COL. (RETD.) DHANI RAM SHANDIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2004 REGARDING RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT WORK IN HIMACHAL PRADESH.

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. In view of constraint of resources and large shelf of on-going new line projects, it is not feasible to consider construction of proposed new lines. The work of construction of new lines between Kalka-Parwanoo and Nangal Dam-Talwara have already been sanctioned. For construction of Kalka-Parwanoo rail line, the matter with regard to acquisition of land in Kambli village in Himachal Pradesh who had proposed to change the location of terminus station from Kambli to Tipra. In view of the space constraints at Tipra, the State Government was advised to reconsider the matter. A three member Committee was constituted by Governor of Himachal Pradesh to finalize the location of terminal station. The Committee has proposed a new line from Chandigarh to Baddi in place of Kalka-Parwanoo as most suitable rail link to be provided in the State of Himachal Pradesh. Details of the proposal have been called for. Regarding construction of new broad gauge rail line between Nangal Dam-Una-Talwara, the work from Nangal Dam to Churaru Takrala (33 kms.) has already been completed and opened for traffic. The work has been taken up on Churaru Takrala-Amb Anduara (11 kms.) where land acquisition is in process. Notification under Section 4 has been issued for acquisition of land in 7 villages. The tenders for bridges are under finalization. An updating survey for new line from Bhanupalli to Bilaspur has been included in the Budget 2004-05. Further consideration for taking up the work would be feasible once the survey report becomes available, depending upon the results of the survey.