

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NEW RAILWY LINE FROM MACHLIPATNAM TO BAPATLA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to construct a new railway line from Machlipatnam to Bapatla via Puligadda-Penumudi-Repalle in order to reduce the distance from Chennai to Kolkata;
- (b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;
- (c) if so, whether it has been found viable; and
- (d) if not, whether the Government consider this proposal in view of its importance that it will reduce the distance and benefit the farmers of this east coastal region;
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : A survey for a new Broad Gauge rail line between Machlipatnam-Repalli has been included in the Budget 2004-05. Further consideration of the proposal would be feasible once the results of the survey become available.