

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY OF RAIL LINES IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have conducted survey for Talcher–Gopalpur via–Hindol–Narasinghpur–Khandpara rail line in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): An updating survey has been conducted in 2003–04 for the proposed Talcher–Gopalpur (293 Kms) new broad gauge line running via Khandapada but not passing via Hindol and Narasinghpur. As per the survey report, the cost of construction of this 293-kms-long new line has been assessed as Rs. 863.98 crore. In view of heavy throw-forward of ongoing projects and acute constraint of resources, it has not been considered feasible to take up the project.