

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAYS TRACK PASSING THROUGH COAL MINES OF JHARKHAND AND WEST BENGAL

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway track passing through coal mine areas of Dhanbad, Jharia, Asansol and Raniganj in Jharkhand and West Bengal is posing great threat to the lives of passengers travelling through the area due to instability of track;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c): As and when cases of illegal mining are noticed, Railway take immediate action to stop these activities and advise Civil Authorities also. In case any danger to railway traffic is noticed, then railway traffic is also suspended, if situation so warrants.