

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:826
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BHANUPALLI-BILASPUR-BAIRI BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have issued orders for final Location Survey of Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Bairi broad gauge railway project;
- (b) if so, the time by which the survey is targeted to be completed and the work on this project will be started; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to declare this broad gauge railway line as a National Project?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Final Location Survey for Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri new line work has already been taken up and has been completed for the first 20 Km. length. The final location survey is targeted to be completed by September, 2009. The land acquisition papers have also been processed.

(c): As per extant guidelines, Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri new line project does not qualify to be declared as a 'National Project'.