

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether during the last decade several projects were included in the Railway Budgets for which the rate of return in the Reconnaissance Engineering Cum Traffic Survey for new broad gauge line was above than 4 per cent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of cases in which the Reconnaissance Engineering cum Traffic Survey for new broad gauge line has mentioned that in spite of the facts that rate of return being less than 14 percent the concerned projects may be considered on grounds of Railways being itself a beneficiary; and
- (d) the reaction of the Railways thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a) & (b): During the period from 2000-01 to 2009-10, a total of 62 new line projects were included in the Railway Budgets, out of which 13 projects were having Rate of Return more than 4%.
- (c) & (d): New line projects are taken up as per the policy enunciated by National Transport Policy, 1980. New line projects are also taken up on socio-economic considerations for the development of the backward and remote areas.