

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:800
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2010
RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have any proposal to lay a new railway line between India and Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the stretches which are identified for the same and its present position thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the new railway line is likely to be laid?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.800 BY SHRI P.VISWANATHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29-07-2010 REGARDING RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL

(a) to (c): Surveys for following new links connecting Nepal have been conducted:-

| S.No. | Proposed rail links | Distance (in Km) |
|-------|---------------------|------------------|
| From | To | |

1. Jogbani (India) Biratnagar (Nepal) 18
2. Jayanagar (India) Bijalpura (Nepal) gauge 68 conversion and its extension to Bardibas
3. Nepalganj Road (India) Nepalganj (Nepal) 12
4. Nautanwa (India) Bhairahawa (Nepal) 15
5. New Jalpaiguri (India) Kakarbhita via Panittanki (Nepal) 46

Out of the above, Jogbani-Biratnagar new line and gauge conversion from Jayanagar to Bijalpura with its extension to Bardibas have been included in the Railway Budget 2010-11. The projects may take about 2 to 3 years for completion once land is available.