

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF SOCIAL VIABILITY RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have any plan to consider social viability for expansion of rail lines in backward areas instead of economic viability;
- (b) if so, the details of the areas in the country including Chatra district in Jharkhand where the Railways propose to undertake such expansion; and
- (c) the time by which the said plan is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Expansion of railway network is a continuous process and railways undertake to lay new lines in backward, remote and hilly areas, from time to time, on socio-economic considerations. While developing railway infrastructure, national perspective is taken into consideration. In Budget 2010-11, it has been proposed to update surveys of certain socially desirable projects and thereafter process them through Planning Commission.