

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3088  
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RAIL CONNECTIVITY TO ANDAMAN NICOBAR ISLANDS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railway propose to provide rail connectivity to certain islands of the Andaman-Nicobar islands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the Government's approach thereto;
- (c) whether rail connectivity could easily be provided to all the islands from the North Andaman-Nicobar to the South Andaman that would facilitate uniform rail connectivity and transport facility in the entire Andaman and Nicobar islands; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Port Blair-Diglipur new line is proposed to be processed as a Socially Desirable Rail Connectivity proposal mentioned in Budget 2010-11. An updating survey for the proposed new line has been taken up. Further consideration of this proposal would be possible once the survey report becomes available and decision on the results of the survey are finalised.
- (c) & (d): This will be known once the survey is completed.