

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NEW RAILWAY LINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals for new railway lines included in the current rail budget for carrying out surveys particularly in State of Punjab;
- (b) the time-limit fixed for completing the said survey works of these new railway lines; and
- (c) the norms fixed for approval of new railway lines after completion of the said survey work?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) : A total of 9 surveys for new line falling partly/fully in the State of Punjab have been sanctioned in Railway Budget 2010-11, out of which 6 have already been completed. The remaining 3 surveys are expected to be completed by June 2011.

(c) : As per the extant policy new lines are sanctioned on various criteria like (i) providing project oriented lines to serve new industries for tapping mineral and other resources, (ii) providing missing links for completing alternative routes to relieve congestion on existing saturated routes, (iii) strategic reasons and (iv) establishment of new growth centers or giving access to remote areas. Besides, new lines are also taken up on socio-economic considerations for development of the economically backward areas.