

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3647  
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2009  
STRENGTHENING OF RAILWAY CORRIDOR  
Bhadana Shri Avtar Singh

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

(a) the status of the proposal of Haryana Government for strengthening of Railway corridor and Rail transport clearance for 2 x 600 MW Rajeev Gandhi Thermal Power Project, Hissar; and

(b) the reason for delay in according approval to it?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): A statement is attached

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3647 BY SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30-07-2009 REGARDING STRENGTHENING OF RAILWAY CORRIDOR.

(a) & (b): At present there is no proposal from Haryana State Government for strengthening of Railway corridor. However, the status of rail connectivity to the Rajiv Gandhi Thermal Power Project, near Hissar is given below:

The Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) has already accorded a coal linkage of 2.31 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) from Mahanadi Coalfields Limited for the above power project on 20-12-2006. Once the linkage has been accorded, no separate rail transport clearance is required from the Ministry of Railways. In-Principle approval to the project (of developing the siding and its connectivity) was granted on 20-02-2008, and the Detailed Project Report was approved by the railways on 19-11-2008. The railway's portion for the 1st leg of Y-connection for the project is targeted to be completed by 31st August 2009 for the placement of coal rakes into the plant. Accordingly, it is seen that there is no delay on the part of Railways and connectivity is planned to be provided before the synchronization of unit 1 of this plant (reportedly scheduled for September 2009).