

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF RAILWAY LINE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Railways propose to adopt the principle of social viability instead of economic viability for expansion of rail lines in backward areas of the country in Rail Budget; and

(b) if so, the details of areas where such expansions are proposed including Gaya-Chatra-Chandwa line of Chatra district and Barwadih-Ambikapur line of Latehar district in Jharkhand?

**Answer**

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

(a): Projects on Indian Railways are generally sanctioned in accordance with norms laid down in the National Transport Policy, 1980. However, a few socially desirable projects are also sanctioned.

(b): The Gaya-Chatra new line is a sanctioned project, work on which is already in progress. Railways had conducted a survey for the Barwadih-Ambikapur line earlier. However, the work could not be taken up due to heavy throwforward of ongoing projects.