

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY/CONSTRUCTION WORK IN HP AND J & K
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of survey/construction work on Bhanupalli in HP to Leh in J&K via Bilaspur-Bairi-Mandi-Kullu-Manali and Lahaul new railway line;
- (b) the steps taken in this regard; and
- (c) the time-frame set for its implementation/completion in view of its strategic importance?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri new line (63.1 Km) work is in progress. Final Location Survey has been completed and part detailed estimate sanctioned. Earthwork and work for minor bridges on the first 3 Km of the project have been taken up. Bilaspur-Kullu-Manali-Leh new line survey has been completed and project proposal was sent to Planning Commission for necessary approval. Planning Commission has advised railways to work out appropriate financing and operational arrangement for the project.

(c): Target date of completion for Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri new line project has not yet been fixed. Bilaspur-Manali-Leh new project is not yet sanctioned.