

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY LINES IN BACKWARD AREAS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to lay new railway lines in SC/ST dominated and other backward areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof alongwith other steps being taken in this regard;and
- (c) the time by which the work on the laying of new railway lines in such areas is likely to be started?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Projects on Indian Railways are generally sanctioned in accordance with norms laid down in the National Transport Policy, 1980. However, projects are also taken up on socio-economic considerations for development of economically backward areas. Work on the sanctioned projects has been taken up and the projects are progressing as per availability of resources.