

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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NEW RAILWAY LINE IN UTTARAKHAND  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that Tanakpur-Khatima railway line (Uttarakhand) has no rail link with Kichha-Delhi railway line despite huge rush of passengers from Tanakpur/Khatima to Delhi;
- (b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken /being taken for laying of railway lines from Khatima to Kichha in Uttarakhand?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Khatima-Tanakpur is an existing metre gauge line where gauge conversion is in progress as a part of Bhojipura-Pilibhit-Tanakpur gauge conversion project. Further, construction of new line from Kichha-Khatima (51.48 km) has also been included in the Budget 2003-04 with the provision that land will be provided free of cost by the State Government of Uttarakhand. All the requisite papers for land acquisition have been deposited with State Government. However, land is yet to be made available. Commissioner/Kumayu Mandal has proposed a new alignment between Lalkaun-Khatima and has requested for Abstract cost of the project alongwith details of land to be acquired as per new alignment. Details about this new alignment have been made available to State Government with the request to indicate their final decision.