

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1803
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2011
MAKHU PATTI RAILWAY LINK
Bajwa Shri Partap Singh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have received any proposal for connecting Makhu to Patti by rail in Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have conducted any cost benefit analysis of this project bearing in mind that it will reduce the distance by rail between Amritsar and Mumbai by about 240 kilometres;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1803 BY SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.12.2011 REGARDING MAKHU-PATTI RAILWAY LINK.

(a) to (d) : Yes, Madam. Patti is an existing station on Khemkaran-Amritsar section and Makhu is an existing station on Ferozepur-Jalandhar section. Proposals have been received and following surveys have been conducted in the past for providing a direct rail link between these two sections:-

S No.	Project (in Km)	Length (Rs in crore)	Cost	Rate of Return
1.	Ferozepur-Tarn Taran new line	47	122	(-)30.12%
2.	Khem Karan - Ferozepur new line	30.88	167.82	(-)13.20%
3.	Gharyala- Mallanwala Khas new line	26	147	(-)7.67%

All the above surveys have been shelved because of their unremunerative nature.

(e): Does not arise.