

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3512  
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UNECONOMICAL ROUTES  
Ponnam Shri Prabhakar

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have asked or propose to ask the State Governments to close uneconomical routes; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the response of State Governments thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) Railway Reforms Committee, 1983 had recommended closure of 57 Uneconomic Branch Lines. The matter was accordingly taken up with Chief Ministers of 10 States and one Union Territory in March 1985 for either closure of the lines or for sharing the losses on 50:50 basis.

(b) The State Governments neither agreed to the closure of these lines nor to share the losses as proposed.