

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIALLY VIABLE PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of the new railway projects have not been found financially viable by the Ministry of Finance;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to set up Rail Tariff Regulatory Authority;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the said Authority is likely to be set up?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): 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.

As on 01.04.2011, there are 129 ongoing new line projects, out of which 116 projects are below the threshold value of economically viable rate of return. These projects are in various stages of execution and progressing as per availability of resources.

(c): There is no proposal at present.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.