

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY PROJECTS WITH NEGATIVE ROI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects sanctioned by the Railways during the last three years having negative Return on Investment (RoI); and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to sanction the projects for the development of backward areas in the country irrespective of the RoI?

Answer

MINISTER OF 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. Besides this, projects are also taken up on socio-economic considerations for development of economically backward areas.

30 New Line & 3 Gauge Conversion projects have been taken up with negative rate of return (RoR) during last 3 years i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and the current year.

Sanction of projects is a continuous process. Railways have recommended 89 proposals for new line and gauge conversion for 'in principle' approval of Planning Commission.