

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NEW RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN ERODE-GOBICHETTIPALAYAM-SATHYAMANGALAM-CHAMARAJANAGAR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the survey work of new railway line in between Erode-Gobichettipalayam-Sathyamangalam-Chamarajanagar have been completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith fund allocated for the said rail line; and
- (c) the present status of the above project?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A survey for Erode-Satyamangalam new line via Gopichettipalayam was conducted recently. As per the updated survey report, cost of construction of 63.50 km long line was assessed as Rs. 429.91 crore with negative rate of return. The proposed new line could not be taken up due to its unremunerative nature and constraints of resources.

The portion from Satyamangalam to Chamarajanagar is already a part of ongoing new line from Bangalore to Satyamangalam. On this project, final location survey between Gattewadi & Bennari (58 Kms.) got held up on account of non-receipt of permission from the Forest Department of Tamil Nadu. Railway had approached Central Empowered Committee, constituted under the direction of Hon`ble Supreme Court for permission to conduct survey. Central Empowered Committee after conducting a number of hearings gave its decision on 14.5.2008 whereby it had inter-alia not recommended the survey works to the Hon`ble Supreme Court. Further survey will be possible only after necessary permission is granted.

However, an outlay of Rs. 0.10 crore has been provided for Bangalore-Satyamangalam new line project in the Railway Budget 2009-10.