

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:390
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2012
SOCIALLY DESIRABLE PROJECTS
Ju Dev Shri Dilip Singh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted by the Railways for selection of socially desirable projects in the country;
- (b) the details of such projects undertaken by the Railways during the last three years, State-wise including Karnataka;
- (c) whether the Bilaspur-Mandla section under Bilaspur-Mandla-Jabalpur is included under such projects; and
- (d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 390 BY SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2012 REGARDING SOCIALLY DESIRABLE PROJECTS

(a) & (b): Though a clearly defined criteria for selection of socially desirable projects has not been laid down, proposals which do not meet the criteria for justified financial rate of return but are essential to provide connectivity to remote, backward, hilly, tribal and under developed areas of country are included in the list of socially desirable projects.

In the Budget Speech of 2010-11, Hon'ble Minister of Railways had announced 114 `socially desirable projects` across the country including Karnataka. Out of these, 86 surveys are completed and examination of reports has been taken up. As on 01.04.2012, 26 proposals have been sent to Planning Commission for `in principle` approval and 10 projects have been sanctioned.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.