

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:125

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STRATEGIC RAIL PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the armed forces have been requesting the Ministry of Railways for building 14 vital links in Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and North-East as identified by them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Railways have not agreed to these projects;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to impress upon the Railways to start these strategically important projects without further delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 125 FOR ANSWER ON 3.12.2012

A Comprehensive Capability Development Plan pertaining to strategic railway lines in the country, including those in the Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and North-East states, has been drawn up by the Services based on the inputs from the operational commands and validated from an operational and logistics perspective. The following 14 strategic railway lines have been identified for development on priority:-

(i) Murkongselek-Pasighat-Tezu-Parasuramkund-Rupai

(ii) Missamari-Tawang

(iii) North Lakhimpur-Along-Silapathar

(iv) Patti-Ferozpur

(v) Jodhpur-Jaisalmer

(vi) Pathankot-Leh

(vii) Tanakpur-Bageshwar

(viii) Jammu-Akhnoor-Poonch

(ix) Dehradun-Uttarkashi

(x) Rishikesh-Karanprayag-Chamoli

(xi) Anupgarh-Chattargarh-Motigarh-Bikaner

(xii) Tanakpur-Jauljibi

(xiii) Jodhpur-Agolai-Shergarh-Phalsund

(xiv) Srinagar-Kargil-Leh

2. Out of these 14 lines, Railways have completed survey for 10 lines. Survey for three lines is in progress and for one, it is yet to start. Railways have expressed inability to fund these highly capital intensive lines in view of huge throwforward of ongoing sanctioned

projects and limited availability of resources.