

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL PROJECT IN BACKWARD AND RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to initiate Rail Projects in backward and rural areas on priority basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): 109 new line projects are in progress in various parts of the country which, on completion, will add about 11000 Km of broad gauge lines to the network. Most of these lines are on socio-economic considerations for development of backward, remote, hilly & underdeveloped areas.

(c): The projects are in various stage of execution. The completion of ongoing projects will depend upon availability of resources. No fixed timeframe can be offered at this juncture.