

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2136
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2013
STRATEGIC RAIL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether keeping in view the requirements of armed forces, his ministry has asked the Ministry of Railways to conduct surveys regarding laying of 14 strategic rail lines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Jodhpur-Jaisalmer is also one of such rail lines;
- (d) if so, whether the survey of the said rail line has been completed; and
- (e) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2136 FOR ANSWER ON 11.3.2013

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 (Doubling)
- (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.

Double-lining of Jodhpur-Jaisalmer line has been proposed as one of the 14 strategic railway lines. Survey for the said line has been

completed.