

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2358
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2009
EXPANSION OF RAIL NETWORK IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
Beg Shri Mirza Mehboob;Shariq Shri Sharief Ud Din

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have any plan to expand the rail network in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have plan to conduct survey for laying rail line between Baramulla-Kupwara-Sogam Lolab, Srinagar-Bandipore-Sopore-Baramulla, Anant Nag-Pahalgam and Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the work on Udhampur-Qazigund rail line is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2358 BY SHRI S.D. SHARIQ AND DR. MEHBOOB BEG TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03-12-2009 REGARDING EXPANSION OF RAIL NETWORK IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR.

(a) & (b): The work of new line from Udhampur-Baramulla has been taken up. The section from Qazigund-Baramulla has already been commissioned.

(c)&(d): Surveys for Baramulla-Kupwara, Jammu-Poonch new lines has already been conducted. As regards Srinagar-Bandipore-Sopore-Baramulla railway line, it is stated that Srinagar has already been connected to Baramulla via Sopore through a rail link as part of the recently completed Qazigund-Baramulla new line. No survey has been done for Anantnag- Pahalgam.

(e): Target for completion is during 2017-18.