

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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RAILWAYS PROJECTS

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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways has submitted proposals for in principle approval of Nangaldam –Talmada railway line, Ghanauli – Baddi railway line, Kalka Baddi railway line and Bhanupali Bilashpur Beri railway line to the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the details there of and the present status of each project; and

(c) the reasons for delay in giving in principle approval to the above new railway lines?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) to (c): Planning Commission has not received proposal for in-principle approval of Nangaldam - Talmada railway line. The Project proposals for construction of new railway lines between Nangaldam and Talwara and between Bhanupali and Bilashpur- Beri are already under implementation after receiving various approvals including those required to be given by the Planning Commission. The Project proposals for construction of new lines between Kalka to Baddi (19.90 Km) at a cost of Rs.385.45 crore and between Ghanauli to Baddi (26.30 Km) at a cost of Rs.541.27 crore were received in Planning Commission in March 2012. However, since the Ministry of Railways is facing severe resource constraints in implementing a large number of already sanctioned projects, these two proposals along with other proposals were returned to the Ministry of Railways for resubmission in accordance with the new guidelines of the Planning Commission for giving In-principle Approval. These projects have not been resubmitted to the Planning Commission for approval so far.