

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SURVEYS FOR RAILWAY LINES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the surveys for new railway lines on Jajpur-Keonjhar Road-Dhamra port via Jajpur Aradi and Roxy siding-Banaspani via Koyrara and Kiriburu Barbil section under South-Eastern Railway;
- (b) the time by which the said surveys are likely to be completed;
- (c) whether the Railways are aware that a survey was made for revival of the railway line between Kanyakumari-Thisayanvilai-Kudankulam-Tiruchendur-Kariaikudi under East Coast Railways;
- (d) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the estimated cost of these projects; and
- (e) the time by which the new railway lines are likely to be laid thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b): Survey for a new line from Jajpur-Keonjhar Road-Dhamra port via Jajpur, Aradi is in progress. Survey for a new line from Roxy siding to Banspani via Koira and Kiriburu to Barbil (Rokshi-Koira-Banspani-Barbil-Kiriburu) is also in progress.

(c) to (e): No, Madam. However, two Surveys

(i) Ramanathapuram and Kanniyakumari via Tuticorin, Tiruchendur, Kulasekharapattinam, Maninagar, Tisaiyinvilai, Navaladi, Kudankulam, Chettikulam Panni, Maharajapuram and Perumalpuram (247.66 Km) with a Rate of Return (ROR) of (-)8.884% and at a cost of `1079.99 crore in 2008-09; and (ii) Karaikudi to Tuticorin via Ramanathapuram (214.81 Km) with a Rate of Return (ROR) of (-)8.297% at a cost of `878.82 crores in 2008-09 were conducted but had to be shelved due to its unremunerative nature.