

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1094
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2015
CONSTRUCTION OF RAIL LINE
Somaiya Dr. Kirit

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Railway has suggested to construct 5th and 6th line from Dockyard Road Station to Ballard Pier, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST) as extension of Harbour route through an elevated road in Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Shipping and the State Government of Maharashtra;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the progress made so far in constructing these two additional tracks; and
- (f) the viewpoint of Ministry, Mumbai Port Trust and the State Government of Maharashtra regarding this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1094 BY DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.03.2015 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF RAIL LINE

(a) & (b): 5th and 6th line from Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Mumbai (CSTM) to Kurla is a sanctioned work under Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP) – Phase-II. Cost of this work is being shared equally between Ministry of Railways and State Government of Maharashtra. For execution of this work, there is a serious constraint of land acquisition due to multi storied buildings between Sandhurst Road to CSTM. To overcome this problem, an alternate elevated alignment for existing harbour line from Dockyard Road to CSTM has been identified by Central Railway so that the space of existing harbour line in this stretch can be used for laying of 5th and 6th line. The proposed elevated alignment of harbour line is by the side of P' Dmello road on Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT) land. There is no proposal for construction of Railway line up to Ballard Pier.

(c) to (f): Central Railway has held a meeting with Mumbai Mahanagar Region Development Authority (MMRDA), Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) and MbPT. As a pre-requisite to taking up the matter with MbPT under Ministry of Shipping, the matter has been taken up by Central Railway with State Government of Maharashtra for in principle approval to the proposal of realignment of harbour line and also to share the additional cost. No reply has been received from State Government.