

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUND FOR RAILWAY LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction work of railway line between Sholapur-Tuljapur has been initiated;
- (b) if so, the estimated amount to be spent thereon along with the time by which this construction work is likely to be completed;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Reconnaissance Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for new line between Sholapur -Osmanabad via Tuljapur (80 km) was completed in 2005-06. As per survey report, the cost of the project was assessed as ` 189.47 crore with Rate of Return of (-) 4.52%. In view of its unremunerative nature and large throwforward of ongoing projects, the project could not be sanctioned.

However, to reassess viability of the new line project, an updating survey announced in Budget 2014-15 has been taken up.