

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LAYING OF NEW RAILWAY LINE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have taken a note that the neighbouring country China has signed a Pact with Nepal Government for laying railway line from Tibet to Kathmandu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Railways thereto;
- (c) whether the Railways have conducted any survey for laying of new rail line from Kathmandu in Nepal to Patna and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the State of Bihar and the other parts of the country are likely to be directly connected to the European market after the operationalisation of the said railway line; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Chinese Foreign Minister during his visit to Nepal in December 2014, had reportedly conveyed China's willingness to extend Qinghai-Tibet railway line up to Kerung, the nearest Chinese town from Nepal. Further, China has reportedly asked Nepal to carry out a feasibility study on possible extension of the railway line up to Kathmandu. Thereafter, the Development Committee of the Nepalese Legislature Parliament has recently directed the concerned authorities in Nepal to conduct a detailed study in this regard.

(c): No, Madam.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.