

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3086  
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2015  
LAYING OF RAILWAY LINE  
Saini Shri Raj Kumar

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

- (a) whether the Railways have any proposal to lay a railway line from Kaithal, Kurukshetra to Haridwar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Railways in this regard ;
- (d) whether the Railways have any proposal to develop the Kurukshetra station; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): No, Madam. Railway does not have any proposal as Kaithal is already connected to Haridwar via Kurukshetra, Ambala. Further, a direct Railway line from Kaithal, Kurukshetra to Haridwar will be around 150 km long costing over 2000 Crores. Large throwforward of ongoing projects and competing demands preclude Railway from taking up this new line project.

(d) & (e): Keeping in view the religious and tourist importance, Kurukshetra has been provided with upgraded amenities and also developed under 'Adarsh' station scheme. Further, this station is also identified for joint development in association with Ministry of Tourism.