

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have any proposal for connecting the proposed green field airport with the existing railway infrastructure at Kannur in the State of Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Survey for construction of Kannur-Mattanur new line was completed in January, 2013. As per the survey report, cost of construction of 23 Km. long new line has been assessed as ` 237 crore with a negative rate of return of 4%. Due to huge throwforward of ongoing new line projects and limited overall availability of funds, the proposed project could not be taken forward.