

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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DECLARATION OF RAILWAY LINE AS NATIONAL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether his Ministry has received any request from the Ministry of Railways to declare the project of laying a new railway line from Bilaspur to Leh via Manali as National Project;
- (b) if so, the time when the request was received along with the latest position of the said project; and
- (c) the reasons for delay, if any, in this regard and the time by which this project is likely be declared as national project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (Smt. Nirmla Sitharaman)

(a) Yes, Madam

(b) & (c) A proposal was received from the Ministry of Railways in 2013 for sanctioning of strategically important new lines, including, inter-alia, Bilaspur-Manali-Leh line, as National Projects. However, the proposal was not supported.