

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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Pandharpur-Lonand Railway Line

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to lay Pandharpur-Lonand railway line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present status of this project; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government for speedy work keeping in mind the pilgrimage location of Pandharpur?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A survey for a new line between Pandharpur-Lonand (109 km) was completed in 2009-10. As per the survey report, the cost assessed was ` 251 crore with negative ROR of 5%. The project could not be taken forward due to its unremunerative nature and huge throwforward of ongoing projects. However, to reassess its viability, updating exercise has been taken up.

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